



Constuction to be complete by third week of September

ERIN MCATEE
News Editor

By the third week of September, the construction workers should be gone and the renovations should be complete.

As the school year began, students probably noticed that the 120, 240, and 340 wings are complete along with the weight room, women's locker room, and restrooms by the stadium.

In the new halls, there are new classrooms, new offices, and a new elevator.

The attendance office is in the same place but the arrangement is slightly different. There is now a reception area. Many of the offices have just switched places.

Mrs. Laura Taliaferro, assistant principal, has been put in charge of the construction. It was only natural since part of her job is taking care of the grounds and the buildings.

Dr. Richard Gardner, principal, feels that Mrs. Taliaferro "is doing an excellent job of keeping things on

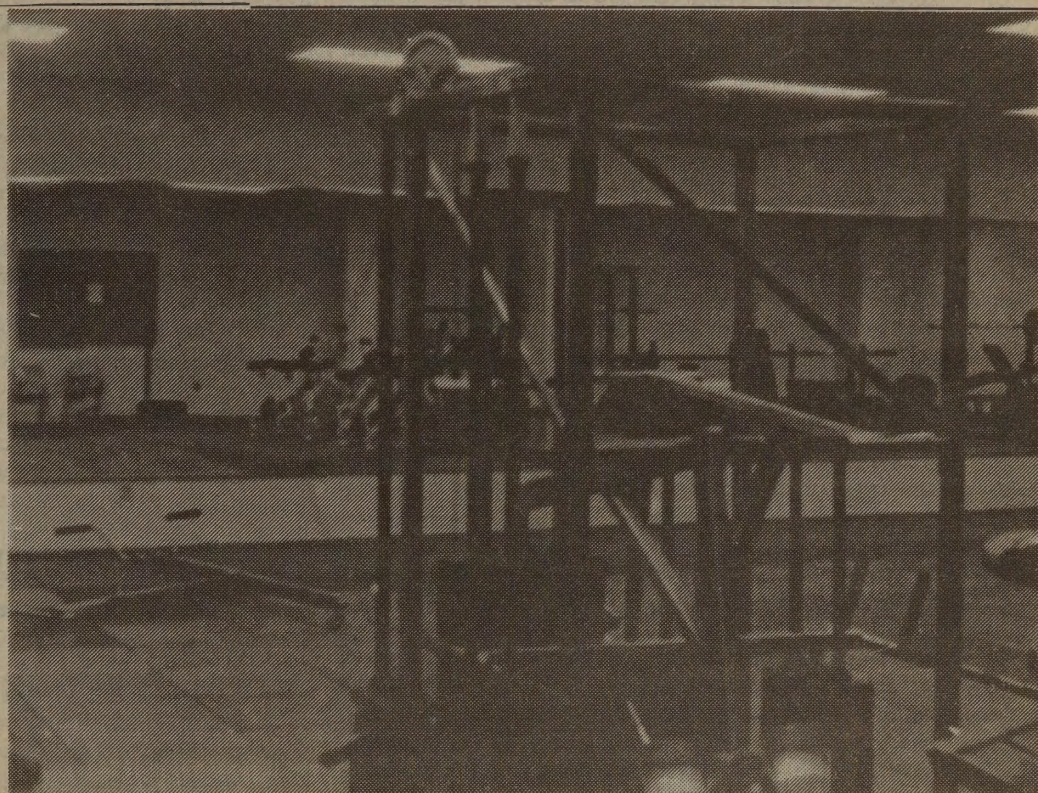
track." She has also been able to keep the construction on budget, which totaled about \$1.9 million. She has done this by conducting meetings between the architects, contractors, and subcontractors and helping in making decisions.

"The only thing we weren't anticipating was doing more fire proofing," said Dr. Gardner. He added that the funds for that came from a contingency account, which is figured into the budget but it is only there if it is needed.

Mrs. Taliaferro also thinks the project went very well. "It gave a lot of people more space."

The coaching area will give the coaches a place to organize their plans, the math office has more space, and there are 2 multi-purpose rooms that any group can use.

One of the rooms has 25ft ceilings, and it will be helpful for the color guard. Larry Kenner, director, feels that it will be good for them. "It will be helpful when we can't use the auditorium."



THE NEW WEGHT room is an expanded version of the old one. Soon it will have new equipment. Photo by Jason Tearman

Underclass pictures taken Friday

AISHA JONES
News Reporter

Students may want to pull out mirrors and practice that perfect smile.

Underclass pictures are scheduled for next Friday. During English classes, students will be escorted to the auditorium where three cameras will be set up to snap away.

Picture information will be sent directly to each student by mail. The information will include packag-

ing cost and various packaging quantities.

Miss Amy Swihart, publications advisor, wants to inform students that picture and money forms need to be filled out and brought to school no later than the day pictures are taken.

Students can put pre-picture jitters aside and be assured that opportunities will be given for all students to be satisfied with their picture in the yearbook.

Miss Swihart said that picture retakes will be scheduled as soon as original pictures are received. Students will also have the option of having the retake in the yearbook instead of the original.

Shyaesha Woods, junior, said, "Good. Now all I have to worry about is what to wear."

Josten photographers recommend that students wear solid dark colors. It will take six to eight weeks before students receive their pictures.

Swihart in new seat this time around

JAMIE FORD
News Staff

Although five years ago she was wandering the halls as a student, Miss Amy Swihart, Publications Advisor, has now made her way to the front of the class.

"It's nice to be back," said the 1989 graduate. "The staff has been very helpful."

Her goals for the year include creating a stronger publications program, having her students leave with skills they can use later on in life, and most importantly, to survive.

In order to create a stronger publications program she wants to get more of the freshmen class involved.

This way they can learn the system and advance in it because they will be more knowledgeable of the things they have to do.

"I feel the hardest part of teaching so far is still not knowing what I'm doing." She added that it has been strange having her old teachers now as her colleagues.

She added that it has been strange to her to have her old teachers tell her to call them by their first names.

"I was really scared and nervous on the first day [of school], but at the same time I was excited and relieved that I was finally getting to teach."

Miss Swihart worked last year in Jeffersonville, Indiana. There

she taught English, photojournalism, and was the yearbook advisor.

Occasionally Miss Swihart is mistaken for a student. She said, "That's okay just as long as nobody tries to ask me out."

Miss Swihart was involved in many extracurricular activities when she attended North. She was in Marching Band for three years, helped with stats for girl's basketball, helped at football games, and was part of the yearbook staff her senior year.

In her spare time she likes to swim, exercise, read, travel, and hang with her friends. Miss Swihart has a bird named Sammy. Her favorite movie is Top Gun because she loves Tom Cruise.



THE INDIAN HEAD is yet another addition to the school. Photo by Jason Tearman



Media is doing what we want them to do

All of us here are, though most of us like to deny it.

We are all nosey and curious. There is no denying it.

The worst scenario is when there is a car accident and we can't wait to get up to it to see who is hurt and how bad. My dad always says, "Ewww hair teeth and eyeballs." Sure this is terrible and even inhumane but I am merely pointing out that we as a society are all nosey.

I'll put it in a way that all of us can relate to: there is a fight in one of the halls. Do we all go to our classes promptly and mind our own business or do we rush to the hall to see who is bleeding the most and why? I think you get the point.

Now that I have you all persuaded to the fact that society is overall a nosey constitution I'll go ahead with the purpose of this editorial.

Over the past few years the media has become involved in several hearings and personal lives of celebrities. Some say that it isn't right to exploit people like that or that the media should stay out of it and mind their own business.

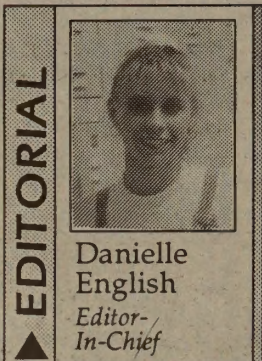
Why does the media go so in depth and get so involved in these cases? The reason is because we as a society will eat it up like it is Taco Bell! Because we are all so nosey!

The media is a business like all others. They are out to do a certain job and make some money at it. If no one cared about the limo driver or the mysterious yellow envelope, regular television would not have been cancelled. The media is just giving supply where there is demand. Pure and simple. We can't condemn them for making a living. Did you know that ratings were at their highest ever during the preliminary hearing of O.J. Simpson. Everyone wanted to see what Kado looked like!

Some say that it isn't right to exploit them. If there actions hadn't been in question in the first place they wouldn't have been exploited at all. In other words they, meaning the ones on trial, made their beds and now they have to lie in them.

Another argument the enough is enough people giving is that these people won't receive a fair trial. They think that the media will be able to persuade 12 jurors and a judge. That is ridiculous. I say have a little faith in our judicial system.

Put simply: The media is doing what the public wants them to do. All of you might say that you don't care, but someone was watching when Amy was declaring her sex life to all, when William Kennedy Smith supposedly raped a woman on a beach, and when the mysterious black bag of O.J.'s was discussed. Everyone can go on saying that they don't care, but we are nosey and will still stop on the channel that is carrying the trial.



EDITORIAL

Danielle English
Editor-in-Chief

Shhhh....

The unspoken rules of North are now spoken

"Hey Joe."

"Yeah, Billy."

"How was your first couple weeks of school?"

"Ya know Billy, they were okay, but some stuff was kinda confusing."

"Like what Joe?"

"Well, some people yelled at me when I stopped in the math hall to pick up my pen, and I don't know why?"

What Joe and Billy don't know about are the unspoken rules of North Side.

Some of them are not stopping in the math hall; not turning around on the staircase to yell at someone; no PDA (Public Displays of Affection); no luggies in the drinking fountains; and most of all, no groups of friends walking in horizontal clumps through the halls.

The math hall is always, always the most crowded hall in the school at all times of the day. People

are always in a hurry to get out of it. Because it takes two minutes to get to the mouth of the hall, no one wants to be held up by gawkers or klutzes. So please, don't hold up traffic to tie your shoe or stop to say hi to Susie. Keep in mind that we only have five minutes and almost half of our time is taken up by shuffling our feet down a crowded hall. No one will be a happy camper if they have to stop for you.

The same goes with the staircase. Everyone is in a hurry in this school because five minutes is not enough time to get from one end of the building to another and go to the bathroom. So keep in mind that someday you'll be running late too and want to fly up or down those stairs without Susie stopping to talk to Bob.

Again with the hall courtesy thing. For some reason, friends seem to think they can line up and walk through the circle like they are invincible. Don't! It obstructs other people from getting by and is simply rude

and inconsiderate. You'd want the same courtesy.

While we are all stopped in the halls waiting to get by we see something. We all have seen it and been grossed out. The lip locked couples between classes. I guess this is okay if you're one of the couple, but for those not involved, it's gross! Just save it for later. Thanks!

The worst thing to ever see up close is a luggie. If it hasn't happened to you yet, it will happen to you before school is out. You'll bend down to get a drink of water and there, four inches from your face, will be a green and yellow lump of snot! How gross! Please don't do that. It's really disgusting.

Finally, always remember to say excuse me and I'm sorry. No one will be mad if you are sincere.

"Wow, Joe, this is really cool. I'm glad someone told me about this." "Right, Billy. Now maybe we won't get beat up."

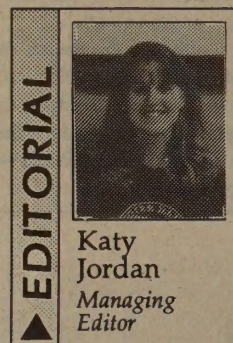
Enough is enough; we don't need to know any more

From Amy Fisher to O.J. Simpson, the media has milked the scandalous lives of others for all that they are worth.

Who could have missed the hype had coverage. For three days the fantasy real-life soap opera that the media won't let enough. How much more can the public be to know?

The O.J. Simpson case has been concerned, and it's not over yet. Just before movie on the life of O.J. Simpson. Con- hearing. What will it be like when the O.J. is another classic example of look guilty even before he has had a fair find 12 jurors who don't already have a case is asking that the jury be sequestered. This means that the jury would not be allowed to be with their families, go to their jobs, talk about the case, or even watch television.

For this, the jurors and their families can thank the gossip- happy reporters and networks for exploiting another public figure. Maybe someday someone will finally find the hidden equilibrium between what the public needs to know, and what is plain gossip that belongs in the tabloids with the pregnant three year olds.



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Katy Jordan
Managing Editor

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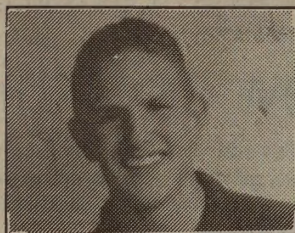
over O.J. this summer? Every major network world of soap operas was interrupted by the anyone forget. Quite simply, enough is told? Actually, how much more do they need

dragged every which way where the media is the trial, Fox is supposedly going to release a sider all the coverage during the preliminary actual trial starts?

someone exploited by the media and made to trial. One question is how they are going to verdict in their heads? The prosecution of the

Off the Record...

"How do you feel about the recent media surge in public figures lives?"



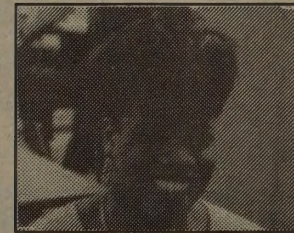
Gary Graham, sophomore
"I think it's okay because I think O.J. is guilty."



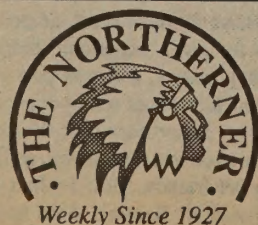
T.J. Gomez, senior
"I don't care. I really don't. Try them, then convict them. It's really not my business."



Dante Dixon, junior
"I think it is an invasion of privacy. They need to leave the people alone and let them live their lives!"



Shahisha Woods, junior
"It's wrong. The media is convicting people without proper evidence."



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JESSICA ZIMMERMAN, SOPHOMORE, helps a future recruit adjust her uniform. Photo by Richard Ning

'Natural Born Killers' is natural thriller

LUCAS PERKINS
Features Reporter

"There's only one thing that kills the demon...love," say Woody Harrelson in a twangy southern accent at the climax of Oliver Stone's latest film *Natural Born Killers*.

Including stars such as Harrelson, Juliet Lewis, Robert Downey, Jr., and Tommy Lee Jones, the movie takes a satirical look at the often questionable type of media coverage that has become so popular of late.

The coverage of such recent scandals as the O. J. Simpson case has come under great scrutiny by journalists and the public alike, and with *Natural Born Killers* Oliver Stone takes his stab at discrediting such media

practices.

The movie follows the story of mass murderers Mickey & Mallory Knox through a reign of terror resulting in over fifty deaths within a three week period.

It tells of their complex beginnings and verbally as well as sexually abusive homelives.

Choosing their victims in such random ways as "eenie-meenie-minie-moe", Mickey & Mallory soon become worshipped as cult heroes by the public.

People start wearing shirts that say things like "Kill ME Mickey!" and "I (heart) Mickey & Mallory."

Wayne Gale, a cold-hearted reporter, picks up on this epidemic and proceeds to use it for his own profit. Suffice it to say, chaos is inevitable.

Oliver Stone uses various types of filming techniques in *Natural Born Killers* including black & white, negative exposure, rear projection, '70's style sitcom, and animation.

This results in possibly the most visually innovative movie ever.

Featuring music from the likes of L7, Bob Dylan, Jane's Addiction, Patsy Cline, Dr. Dre, Peter Gabriel, Nine Inch Nails, and Snoop Doggy Dogg, the *Natural Born Killers* soundtrack, produced by Trent Reznor of Nine Inch Nails, is a collage of strange and emotional songs that should appeal to most everyone.

Playing at Coldwater Crossing and Quimby Village, the grizzly tale of *Natural Born Killers* is sure to frighten and mystify even the toughest of movie goers.



MEMBERS OF THE Rat Pack take a break from cheering to pose for a picture. Photo by Richard Ning

Seniors take a look at the year ahead

AARON MARTZ
Features Reporter

With their last year of high school on its way, seniors are already preparing for college, but college is only one of many pressures introduced to them.

"I'm going to try to go to state for the back stroke," said Adam Lauer, senior. "I've pretty much accomplished all my goals. I'd like to graduate with honors."

"I'm participating in as much stuff as I can handle and want to," said Ian Crace, senior. "I'm trying to live up to my own expectations and everyone else's, too. They're usually college related, so I'm trying to get straight A's so I can get loans and grants to

afford college."

Preparing for college means more than meeting that school's SAT requirements. Chris Rowan, senior, said, "I'm filling out applications and visiting colleges."

Danielle English, senior, has been cramming her schedule with college preparatory courses so she will be more equipped for college when the time comes.

"I'm selecting colleges and applying for them," said Adam. "I'm also taking stupid college prep classes like pre-calculus."

Leaving high school, though, can have an effect. "It's a whole different world after graduation," said Ian Crace. "I'm going to be paying my

own bills. I'll be on my own, but I'm sure I'm going to handle it."

Danielle can't wait to be on her own. "It will mean total and complete freedom, that will be nice."

"Being a senior, I can do anything I want, really. If I want to join a club, I just join it. We're here for fun," Adam said.

"It's nice, but kind of sad. We've been here for four years and we're going to leave. There's not a lot to stay here for, though. Four years is enough."

Even though they have another four years of college ahead of them, seniors are still looking forward to the last day of high school when they can leave North Side forever.

ARDUA HARRIS
Features co-editor

Munching happily on carrot sticks, Laura Helmke, senior, paused in her meal to state emphatically, "It was one of the awesomest times of my life."

She was referring to, of course, is her trip to Girls' Nation this past summer where she met President Bill Clinton whom she describes as a "real people person."

Helmke, a honor student, has been interested in government for years. "I like how our government runs and its officials, but I don't like the games—how you're always trying to appease people in politics." She said if she went into politics it would be behind the scenes where she wouldn't have to worry so much about pleasing others.

While in Washington, D.C., Helmke got a chance to catch all the

sights. She visited the Vietnam War Memorial, the Washington Monument, Arlington National Cemetery and, of course, the White House. Helmke especially welcomed the opportunity to meet new people.

"I have never been with so many wonderful people at one time," she exclaimed, "They were really cool...now I have friends in Oregon, Virginia, and other states."

Helmke was one of two girls chosen to represent Indiana at Girls' Nation. There were girls in attendance from all across the country.

Through teacher recommendations, Helmke first attended Girls' State, a mock government camp held at Indiana State University. While there, she ran for many offices—some of which she lost. "Losing actually helped me learn a lot," she said. "I wanted to experience as much as I could."

Her tenacity paid off. She caught the attention of the women in the American Auxiliary League. "I was really excited when it [Girls' Nation] was announced. I didn't know what to say."

Helmke has plans to attend either the University of North Carolina, the University of Virginia, or Indiana University next fall.



PRACTICING HER PUTT, Laura Helmke, senior, concentrates on one of the many activities that she is involved in. Photo by Richard Ning

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Football record kicked to 1-1

DEREK RITTENHOUSE
Sports Reporter

Last Friday night the Redskin football team was handed a disappointing loss by the Elmhurst Trojans.

In the first quarter of play the Trojans jumped to an early lead when quarterback Alphonso James completed a fifty-three yard touchdown pass to Joe Bunting.

Clifton Dickerson connected with sophomore Percy Fitts in the second quarter on a three yard touchdown run and also senior Dan Amos had a two yard run from Dickerson to give the Redskins the lead. Elmhurst scored again on a thirty-two yard touchdown pass to Shawn Smith in the third quarter.

The second half opened when Alphonso James had a thirty yard touchdown run. The extra point was missed which was crucial because that would have given Elmhurst the lead with one quarter to go.

North came back in the fourth

quarter. Don'te Dixon, junior, caught a thirty-five yard touchdown pass from Dickerson, but with one second left on the clock Elmhurst's Brian Clawson kicked a forty-seven yard field goal to give Elmhurst the win. North drops to 1-1 on the season.

"Harding is a big game because they are 2-0 and if we are going to stay contenders in the conference we have to win". Clifton has had two games with 100 yards passing or more, but to be successful we have to establish our running game" said football head coach Dale Doerffler.

Harding's two biggest threats are running back Tarvar Baskerville, who rushed for 231 yards on fifteen carries against South Side. Quarterback Corey Moore who completed five of eighteen passes for eighty-seven yards against the Archers last Friday night.

North Side will be looking to improve their record to 2-1 in the SAC conference tonight against Harding at home at 7:30.



NORTH CELEBRATES AFTER a score against Elmhurst last Friday. Photo taken by Richard Ning.



ONE OF THE MANY blocks during a reserve game last week. Photo by Jason Tearman.

Team unity exists for lady Skins

CHRISSY MILLS
Sports Reporter

The varsity girls volleyball team bumps off the season with three losses, but placed second in a SAC match.

On August 27 the team played hard into the championship match against Northrop.

Northrop defeated them both games. Mr. Ry Taliaferro, head coach, said Northrop is a "well developed team and played a great game, but I am proud of the way we played."

He stated, "We need to improve on a stronger offense and blocking, but we have good attitudes, quickness, and defence."

Last week the team played Dekalb and Huntington North and were defeated again.

The scores for the Huntington game were 15-10, Huntington, 15-5, North Side, and 15-12, Huntington. Now the record for North Side is 0-3. Chris Sutton, junior, said, "We need help on communication, but when we do [communicate] we play better."

Chris and Stephanie Goes, sophomores, both agreed that the team "gets along great!"

The reserve team also lost the first three games but "plans to go very far," says Tracy Sutton, freshman. "We get along great on and off the court." Mr. Jim Orr, reserve coach, said they are "weak on experience but they are good ladies to work with."

He said his goal is "to make them the best I can make them."

Varsity will play New Haven there at 6:15 on Monday.

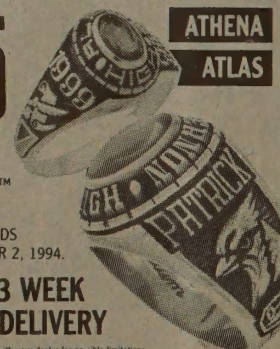


MANDY RYAN DOES the backstroke for the girl's swimming team. The team lost their second meet to Northrop on Tuesday. Photo taken by Richard Ning.

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Surplused teachers return

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News Reporter

North Side welcomes back four surplus teachers after a period of absence.

Mrs. Shelia Bruening, Mr. Jim Orr, Mrs. Rebecca Ryder, and Mr. Dave Randall took their teaching positions as of Monday.

The school board gave an opportunity for North Side to allow four teachers from the surplus list to return back. However, Dr. Gardener, principal, did the actual choosing on just who would be added to the North Side's teaching staff.

Dr. Gardener, said, "These teachers will be a definite asset to our school. This allows us to have teachers who were teaching their minors to have the chance to teach their majors.

The four surplus teachers will

also allow the sizes of English classes to decrease along with providing more sections of English. Yet, English classes will not be the only classes effected.

There were over 500 schedule changes due to the reinstatement of these teachers. Classes effected included economics, history, industrial, and some gymn classes.

The majority of these teachers will only be teaching English and Skills for Living classes. Although, these teachers aren't new to North Side, the classes might be different from what these teachers were teaching last year.

When asked how Mr. Gardener felt about the returning of these teachers, he smiled and said, "I feel confident with these teachers returning."



AT A RECENT faculty meeting members of the staff welcome this year's foreign exchange students. Photo by Jason Tearman

Industrial Technologies gets updated equipment

JAMIE FORD
News Reporter

Mr. Jon Bill, Industrial Technologies teacher, purchased two new machines for the tech classes.

The money came from the school systems' computer budget. A computer controlled milling machine and computer controlled metal lathe were purchased.

A milling machine is a device on which work is done using metal secured to a carriage is shaped by being fed against rotating milling cutters.

A metal lathe is a machine in which work is rotated around a horizontal axis and shaped by a fixed cut-

ting, boring, or drilling tool while being held in a chuck, faceplate, or mandrel or between centers in headstock and tailstock.

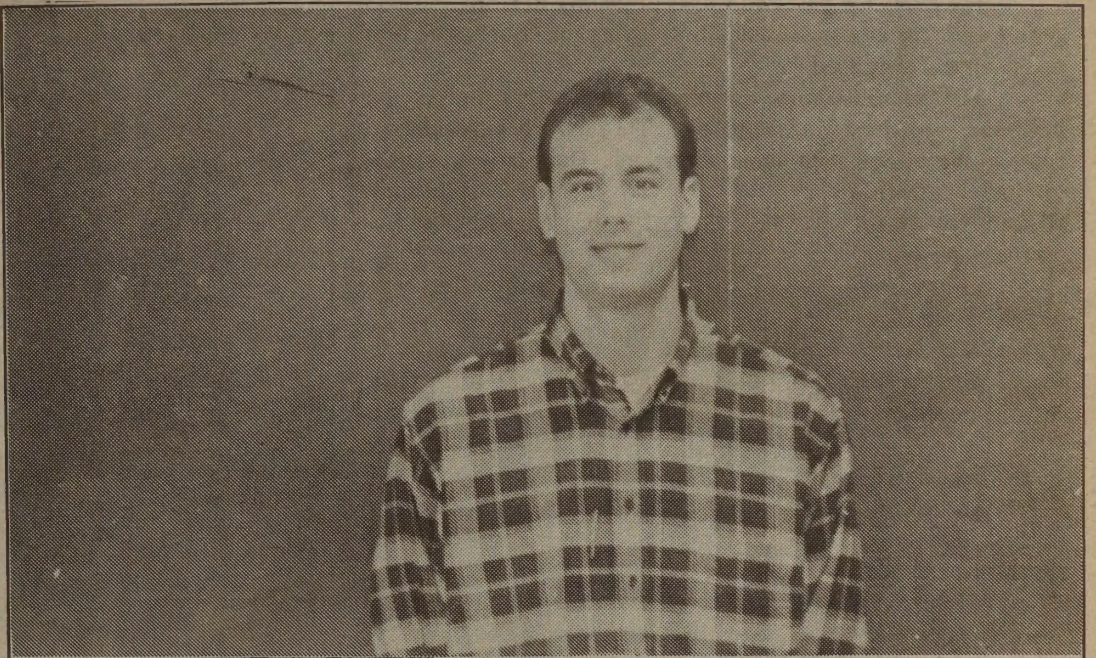
The machines were bought so the students could learn how to manufacture products because the methods change all the time.

"It (the machines) helps put the students up to date," Mr. Bill said, "It will also help the students get good paying jobs right out of high school."

They will be used to instruct beginning and advanced students in class.

Students will learn how to operate and program the computers connected with the milling and metal lathe machines.

North Side is the only high school in Northeast Indiana to have a milling machine.



MR. DAVE RANDALL, English teacher, is one of the teachers who was brought back to North. Photo by Richard Ning

Back to school night offers opportunity

ERIN MCATEE
News Editor

Back to school night is a night for parents to come to school and to see what their child's classes are like.

Wednesday at 7 p.m., parents will be assembled in the auditorium where Dr. Gardner will speak to them. From there, the parents will have their students schedule and be guided to each of the classes. Parents will have

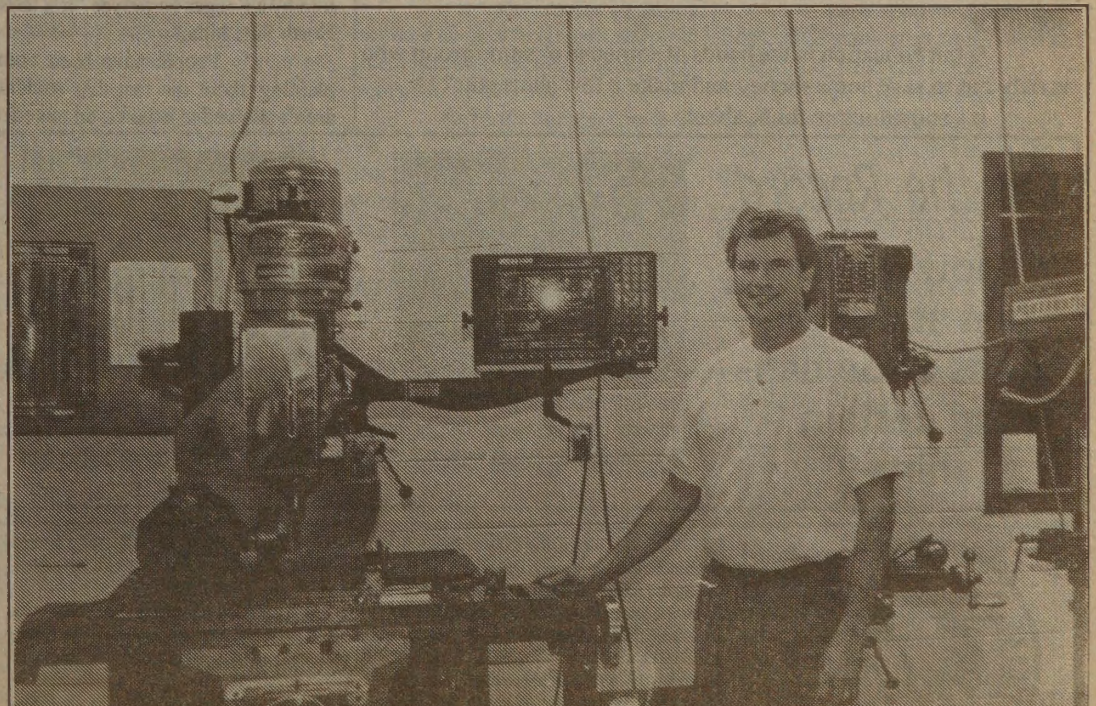
approximately five minutes in each class to speak with teachers and get information about what is going on.

Any student who has Mr. King or Mr. Kenner for band or color guard will be able to go out to the stadium and watch the band rehearse.

Parents of students who are service workers will be able to go into the cafeteria for refreshments. Also, if a parent feels that there is no need to go to a particular class, they may also go to the cafeteria.

Mrs. Laura Taliaferro, assistant principal, feels that it is important for parents to take interest in their child's education. "It would be great to have 100% of the parents show up. It is a wonderful opportunity for them to see the school, building, and make appointments to talk to teachers."

Mrs. Taliaferro and the student council would like to see as many parents as possible attend this event because it is important for parents to be involved.



MR. JON BILL, Industrial Technologies teacher, poses with the department's new equipment. Photo by Richard Ning

Reinstatement causes chaos in classrooms

Who is to blame for the past two weeks being a waste of time?

For many the past two weeks of getting to know teachers, getting class materials, and actually covering material has all been ripped up and dismissed.

The administrators downtown proposed a budget that surplused 75 teachers from the schools. The school board decided to approve the budget with some alterations. They only wanted to surplus 51 teachers to work

The reason surplused in the first the school system. They wanted to geous budget that ministrators their offices down-

Surplusing teachers to stay in pay and benefits and

This saves the system lots. They don't have to pay a contract for the use of the substitutes. How the teachers feel about this, I don't know.

After school started the central administrators conceded that they cut too many teachers out of the system. Classes were over their legal limit in the number of students.

Some administrators pawned this whole issue off to the fact that they weren't sure that all of the students were going to show up or not. I say after the first day of registration there should have been recognition of the problem. Sure maybe one or two in each class might not show. But five or six students not show? Let's be real.

Instead two weeks later someone realized that there was a problem. Two weeks is a long time. Two weeks allowed students to get started in their classes, get to know their teachers, hand in a few assignments, read a few pages in a book, take a test, and get use to it all. That whole two weeks was a waste.

Because of some administrator far away from us, we have to start over with a new schedule and new teachers.

If you see that administrator ask him/her if it was worth the short cut to waste two weeks of our time. It kinda sends a message doesn't it.

Is our education in the hands of someone or some group who is only out to save some money and make a few short cuts?

It's something to think about.

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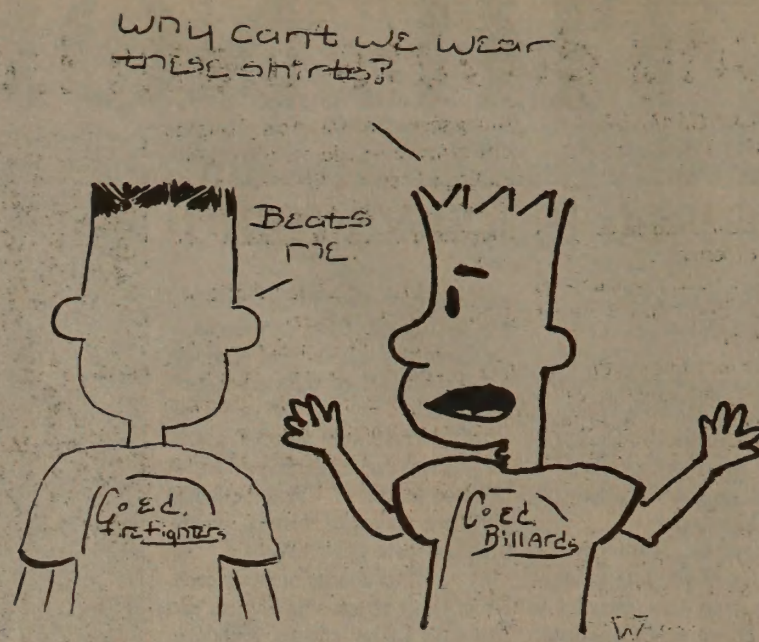


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Editor-in-Chief

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Bad behavior gives North bad name

For the second year in a row, North Side students have been banned from Kroger from 7:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

The fact that the managers and owners of the store have to do such a thing is absolutely absurd. Because of a select few students' behavior each lunch mod, yet another group in the community has developed a negative attitude towards the students at North.

A woman went into the Kroger store to do her grocery shopping. She picked up a box of cookies that she was planning to buy, but the box was half empty. When she asked what the deal was, she was told by a Kroger employee, "It's those North Side kids."

People have been complaining about the fact that students aren't allowed to wear co-ed naked or

Big Johnson T-shirts to school.

Their argument is that they are in high school and should be mature and adult enough to pick out their own clothes and be able to deal with whatever a shirt happens to say or what it suggests.

Are these the same mature people who leave half empty boxes of cookies on shelves without paying for them at Kroger and who can't cross the street without running in front of moving cars?

No, this doesn't apply to everyone who used to go to Kroger for lunch, but obviously it applies to some people because students can't go there anymore.

Then there is the threat that

North Side students will be banned from Handy Dandy. What's next, Burger King?

When Dr. Gardner said that students were banned because of inappropriate behavior, he wasn't exaggerating.

With behavior like that which has been practiced at places such as Kroger and Handy Dandy, the students at North are lucky that the lunch mods are still open.

North is the only school in Fort Wayne that operates on an open lunch policy.

This is a privilege, not a right. And it is not a privilege that students who act appropriately, whether at Kroger or across town at McDonald's, would be happy to give up.

But because of certain students who can't be as mature as they would like to think they are and who are giving North Side a bad name, closing lunch mods could be a future possibility.

EDITORIAL



Katy Jordan
Managing Editor

Off the Record...

"How do you feel about the dress code banning certain t-shirts?"



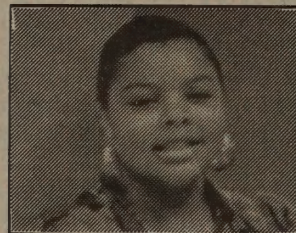
Ben Erpelding, senior

"They want us to act like adults but they won't let us wear what we want."



Eric Pineda, senior

"Keep it out of school, there is a time for education and a time for that kind of stuff."



Tomara Oliver, sophomore

"I think it's wrong to ban them, they show no vulgarity."



Letisha Ramon, junior

"The shirts represent freedom of speech, so we should be able to wear them."



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Young drivers learn from automobile mishaps

RITA MAGSAMEN
Co-Features Editor

Getting into a car accident can be a pretty costly experience.

Melissa Patterson, junior, has been hit twice. "Both of which are not my fault," she said.

"One time I was at the hospital visiting my grandmother when the P.A. system came on describing my car and claiming that it had been hit by another vehicle."

She continued, "What made me mad was that the other person just left. Now my glove compartment door won't close, and I ended up paying for the damages," she said.

Heather Steffen, senior, was working late one night, and her night manager didn't want her to walk home.

"He offered me his keys so I could drive his '91 mustang home. I told him that I didn't have a license and refused the offer, but he insisted so I accepted," she said.

After promising him that she wouldn't wreck his car, Heather drove off into the rain. She took a left on the next street, proceeded down the road, missed a yield sign and smashed into an oncoming car.

"The police came and I was

sitting soaked in a squad car giving the officer my name, address, and not submitting a license. I listened to a long lecture on discipline, received a ticket, and was dropped off at home," she said.

"That is the last time that I do anything like that again!"

Andy Fish, junior, and his family were driving home from Missouri last spring break when they noticed an odd smell in their van.

"The hood started smoking so my dad pulled off the highway and into a service station right next to a gas pump. Before we knew it, the van started on fire, but my dad and brother put it out before any permanent damage was done. We had to stay four extra days just to get it fixed," he said.

This isn't Andy's first accident. One time he and his dad were pulling out of a parking lot when they were hit by an oncoming car. "Nobody was hurt but my dad was worried because there was a child in the other car."

Even though no one was injured, a piece of plastic from Andy's car had fallen on the other person's car and the lady filed a damage report. "My dad was angry about that because there was barely a scratch on her car," he said.



A CAR AT a local junkyard shows an example of what can happen when drivers are not careful. Photo by Jason Tearman



MR. DARRELL ARMSTEAD, administrative assistant, talks to Mr. Keith Scott, administrative assistant, during lunch. Photo by Richard Ning

Armstead moves to administrative position, enjoying Target Success

ARDUA HARRIS
Features co-editor

"It's a unique opportunity."

That is how Mr. Darrell Armstead described his new position as Target Success coordinator and school administrator.

Mr. Armstead worked last year in the special education department. October will mark his first anniversary with the school.

He decided to make the move from the first floor to the second because he wanted exposure to more students.

"I wanted a chance to be a role model," he said.

Mr. Armstead has had little

difficulty, but recounted with a smile on his face the time he was mistaken for a student in the library and was asked for a pass.

He replied to that by saying he could go back to his desk and write one. He said he and the librarian laugh about the incident now.

As Target Success coordinator, Mr. Armstead will be assisting students with college applications, improving SAT scores, and helping with any problems that arise.

"It's a great program," Mr. Armstead commented, "but it didn't get the recognition it deserved."

He said he would have given the students an opportunity to get hands on experience with the careers they

were interested in.

He also would have liked to expose the students to more culture such as classical music.

"They need to understand Bach and Beethoven as well as Snoopy [Doggy Dog] and [Dr.] Dre."

Mr. Armstead also acts as lunch room monitor and helps out with whatever needs to be done in the various offices.

His office is located in the student services offices in the 240 wing.

As an administrator and Target success coordinator, his job goes beyond the school building.

He said, "My job doesn't end when they leave. I will continue to be here if they need anything."

Students work jobs to gain financial power

AARON MARTZ
Features Reporter

In order to make a living beyond their education, some students apply their skills to an after school job.

"I work at Hall's Coliseum Cafe where I'm a buser," said junior, Jeremiah Miser.

"I work at McDonald's, and I'm a head crew chief," said Ryan

Shannon, junior.

With money in their pockets, students gain the power only their parents had before; they can spend it.

"I pay bills like the cable bill and the insurance on my car, and whatever I have left, I go cruising with my cousins," said Ryan.

"I buy armor and swords to beat up on other men," said senior, Mike Anderson, who works at Indiana

Communications and is a member of the Society for Creative Anachronisms.

Having a job, though, can affect a student's school life.

"My concern is if the student works more than a few hours a week, it could compete with their time for work and activities," said Mr. Don Evans, government and history teacher.

He said, "The bottom line is to keep work in balance with other

priorities."

Besides having time for homework, a job can affect other parts of a student's life as well.

"It doesn't effect my school life," said senior, James Harwell, a transitional employee at Kentucky Fried Chicken. "It just effects my social life."

In order to feel and spend like an adult, sacrifices must be made.

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Lack of equipment, control plagues guys' tennis team

CHRISTY MILLS
Sports Reporter

The guy's tennis team's record is 2-5 but they have many more teams to challenge.

"The team has advanced greatly since the beginning of the season," said Coach Jerry Gerig. "Every match we have lost were very close ones, especially the last three."

"David Youngpeter and Brendan Thomason, both are seniors, are 5-2 for the number one doubles varsity spot and both are doing an outstanding job," says Coach Gerig. He goes on, "Ryan McCorkle, junior, who plays the number two singles varsity spot, is also doing an outstanding job. All three are providing good leadership for the rest."

"Chris Houk, junior, is our top player. He plays the number one singles spot," stated Coach Gerig.

At the tennis match against Harding, Chris threw his racket and it

hit a telephone pole and was suspended for one game.

"One of the teams weak spots is that they are always forgetting their equipment," stated Coach Gerig as he was reaching into his car to get a player a racket because he had forgotten his.

Eric Potthast, sophomore, says, "We also need help on our attitudes. The reason we get so mad is because we get defeated by someone we knew we could beat or we did something stupid like hit the ball into the net," said Eric.

"We need to learn to control our temper and not by cussing, throwing rackets, hitting balls into the fence, and yelling," Eric said laughing.

Last Saturday, September 11, they were invited to the Warsaw Invitational and placed sixth out of eight.

"The reason why we didn't do good is because we were thinking to far ahead of the game and not enough into it," said Ryan as he was warming up for their next match.



RYAN MCCORKLE, JUNIOR, practices his forehand at a practice. Photo by Chrissy Francis.



BEN SENEŠAC, SOPHOMORE, passes the ball to a teammate. Photo by Chrissy Francis.

Cross country teams run through competition

DEREK RITTENHOUSE
Sports Reporter

Last Saturday the boys and girls cross country teams participated in the Northrop Invitational.

The girls top individual leader was Amy Yoder for East Noble with a time of 13:51. For North Side the top finisher was Takiyah Franklin. She was close to a personal best time of 17:48 and a respectful 27th place finish, also Darcy Towsley finished 28th place. Kendra Wilson, Elizabeth Towsley and Tricia Clark all ran personal bests.

"All the girls ran very well, and we should keep on improving throughout the year," said girls cross country coach Mr. Tom Knudson.

North Side placed 9th out of twelve teams, with East Noble finishing first and North Ridge placing second.

The boys cross country team finished 11th out of 13 teams at the meet.

"Our placement doesn't show how good a team we are since they race by grades. After the freshman race we were first, so it will be fun watching the freshman race the next 3

or 4 years," said Mr. Blosser, boys cross country coach.

The top runners in the freshman race were Jesse Dolsen, Jeremiah Jefferey, and Jamarcus Newsome. In the sophomore race the top runner was Andy Gerbers.

"We are improving every race, so by the end of the year we should be really competitive" said Coach Blosser.

On Saturday the two teams will run in the Bloomington Invitational. After that there will be only four meets left until sectionals, which start on October 15.

Comradery exists with girls' swim team

KATY JORDAN
Managing Editor

Even with a large number of changes this season, the girls' swim team has managed to stick together with a special team closeness.

This is Coach Liz Caywood's first year at coaching a swim team. She said, "[The girls] have come a long way. They have improved 100 per cent [since the first day of practice.]"

The team lost their first three meets, but is working hard to improve. Sara Biggs, junior, said that one of the biggest problems is that the team is so young and lacks experience.

Over half the team is made up of freshman.

Sara said that it was also hard

getting used to a new coach and a whole new method of coaching. She said, "This is the first year for a lot of girls, and we all have a long way to go before we become competitive."

Marci Ryan, senior, said, "I think everyone has done well as far as all the set backs we've had. We lost a lot of swimmers this year who were seniors last year, or who just didn't come out for the team this year."

Coach Caywood said, "[The team] has a willingness to work hard,

but what we really need is more swimmers." Right now the team has 11 swimmers with one diver.

As far as training goes, the girls have been doing workouts of high repetition with little rest and lots of sprints.

Two mornings a week the team has morning practices where they run and lift weights in order to help build strength.

Their next meet is Thursday at East Noble at 6:30.

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Homecoming is chance to express pride

AISHA JONES
News Reporter

The theme for this year's homecoming week is, "The Pride of the Redskin Tribe."

The week of Sept. 26-30 will be dedicated to the pride installed in each true Redskin and an opportunity to express that pride.

There will be a number of creative activities for students to prove just how proud they are of the Redskin tribe.

Starting the spiritweek off, will be the hall decorations. Each class was assigned a particular hall and will be made responsible for decorating that hall.

Hall decorations will be judged promptly at 4p.m. Sunday.

Judges will be looking for creativity and ideas never seen before. Seniors decorate the second floor. Juniors decorate the third floor. Sophomores decorate the first floor circle from middle locker 422 and 120 hall. Freshman decorate first floor circle from middle locker 423 and 130 hall.

Participation days will one

of the few highlights of the week allowing everyone to let their true selves shine through. Participation days consists of dressing a certain way on each given day.

Monday will be Woodstock day. This day takes everything back to the times of peace signs, silver nail polish, bell bottoms, and love beads. Parents closets are a good place to look for these fashions.

Tuesday will be pajama day. Those fuzzy bunny slippers and that favorite night shirt and boxers might come in handy on this day. Yet, all students should be reminded of the modesty policies.

Wednesday will be Toga day and will also be the day Caesar might have found himself at home. Long robes and fig leaves would work nicely with this day.

All nerds may come out of their closets on Thursday because it is officially nerd day. Nerds can finally flaunt those pig tails, that tie everyone says looks like something your grandfather would wear, and those black rimmed glasses that make you feel smarter for your chemistry quiz.

Last but not least, Friday is

the day to wear all the red and white possible.

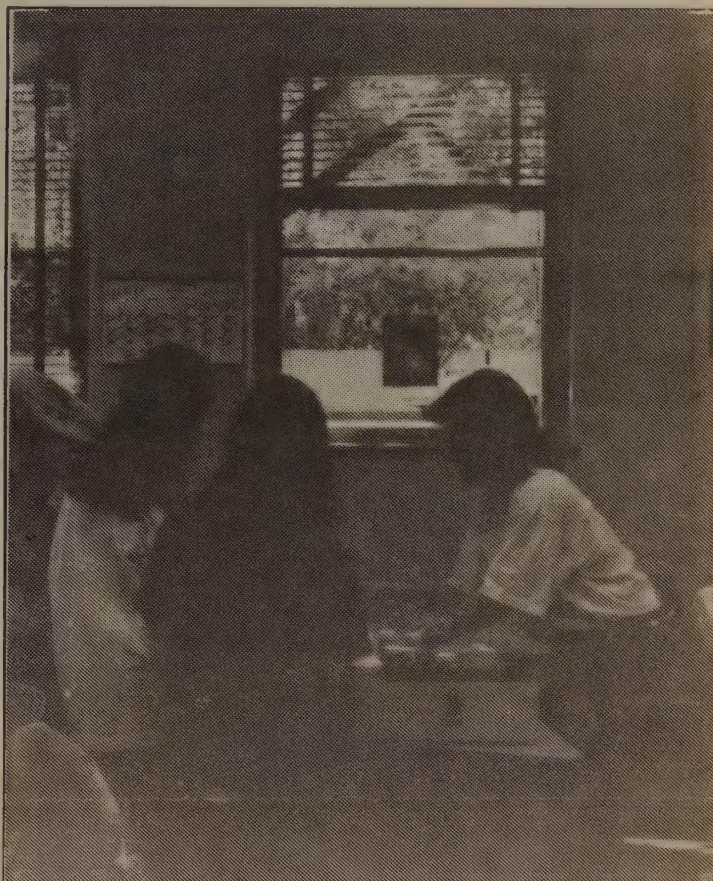
Junior and Senior girls will be pushing themselves to the limit during the Powder Puff event. Students may find these girls in a full sweat at 6:30p.m. Wednesday on North Side's football field. The cost is 50 cents.

Wednesday night there will be Freshman and sophomore tug-of-war games. Before half time of the powder game, sophomores will be escorted to the east end of the football field and the Freshman to the west end of the field.

Immediately following both events there will be a Bonfire. All events will be brought to an end at approximately 9:00 sharp.

Students may also want to watch and observe fellow students as they itch their brains to answer the Quiz Bowl questions. Any ties will be broken with tie-breaker questions.

Mrs. Laura Taliaferro, assistant principal, feels that Redskin's may look forward to the upcoming week but should remember that the pride each individual has in their tribe is what counts the most.



STUDENTS GET READY for hall decorations for next week's homecoming. Photo by Jason Tearman

■ Some time to relax



A GROUP OF students chill before the start of the school day. Photo by Jason Tearman

Monday initiates competition between classes

JAMIE FORD
News Reporter

Beginning September 25, with hall decorating, Homecoming will come to a close with the dance.

Hall decorating begins at one and ends at four p.m. The decorations should contain subjects that pertain to this year's theme, "Pride of the Redskin Tribe."

Students earn points toward the peace pipe by dressing up in clothing that goes with the category for that day, best hall decorations, bringing in non perishable food items, powder puff/tug of war, quiz bowl, and mini Olympics.

Dress up days include: Woodstock Day, Pajama Day, Toga

Day, Nerd Day, and the ever popular, Red and White Day.

North Side will again be having their annual food drive. Students should bring all can and non perishable items to the front stairs.

Monday through Friday from 7:20 to 7:55 a.m. All food collected goes to the Alliance of Associated Churches food bank. Points will also be added up for each class.

Mini Olympics will be held during the pep session on Friday. The Olympics will contain events submitted by faculty and staff.

There will be a block building contest submitted by the Foreign Language department, cup stacking by the Math department, and sports traditions by the Social Studies department. There will be three rounds

and 12 different events. Each team will consist of three females and three males. Each participant will compete in four activities.

Points for hall decorations, Mini Olympics, the food drive, and participation days have the following value: first place, 40 points; second, 30 points; third, 20 points; and fourth, ten points. Any ties for the above events will be resolved with a splitting of points.

Quiz bowl: first place, 20 points; second, 15 points; third, ten points; and fourth, five points.

The peace pipe is awarded to the winning class of the Homecoming activities. The peace pipe has been a tradition for many years and is considered an honor to win. Winners will be announced at the pep session.

Forty foreign countries are in Redskins' grasp

ERIN MCATEE
News Editor

North Side students now have the opportunity to travel to over 40 different countries and stay for an entire year as an exchange student.

The Rotary International

Youth Exchange Program is looking for students who are interested in living with a host family, learning about new and different cultures, and making new friends.

Three qualifications apply to this program: 1) the student must be in the top 1/2 of their class. 2) the student

must be 16 years old and not turn 18 before March 1. and 3) the student must exhibit an "outstanding and pleasant personality."

Each student receives a \$50 monthly allowance from Rotary.

They will also pay for the students room and board, and for them

to attend school. The other costs will be shared between Rotary and the students and/or parents.

Any student who is interested in being an exchange student, should contact Mrs. Delores Klocke, in the guidance office.

Students may also contact

Randy Roberts, Rotary representative, at 1514 St. Joseph Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46805 or call at 424-5200 or 637-6931.

How ever students decide to get the information, the applications are due by no later than October 10, either Mrs. Klocke or Mr. Roberts

Take a stand:

Stop the double standards

A lot of people think that the rule in the dress code stating students can not wear Co-ed Naked T-shirts or Big Johnson T-shirts is ridiculous.

And in some aspects it may very well be, but if a person is going to complain about the dress code, he or she has a bigger issue to argue: the double standards practiced by administrators concerning the clothing of the young men and women of the school.

A senior male at this school was wearing a shirt of which he had cut the sleeves off. By doing this, in essence, his shirt had become a tank top, which are often worn by females. This senior was stopped in the hallway and asked if he had another shirt that he could change into, or if someone was at home who could bring him one.

Because answer to both questions to go to Student Services would be dealt with mean time, girls halls in tight, low-sleeves, and shorts went far beyond the taste. Why aren't consistently, to

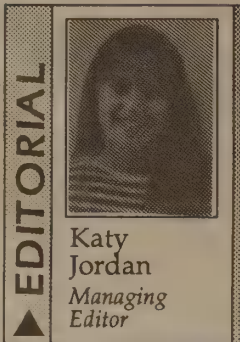
Referring who was asked to that he couldn't wear a shirt like the one he had on because of hygienic reasons. (his underarm hair was showing) If that is the case, why can girls who don't shave, if they choose to, wear tank tops?

Reasons for the dress code, even in the case of hygiene, can be understood with a clear explanation. What cannot be understood is why administrators, teachers, or anyone else who has the right to tell someone to change their clothing, haven't been consistent in doing so.

The same can be said for the Big Johnson and Co-ed Naked T-shirts. In the North Side handbook under section six, it says, "... Any clothing with racial, gender put-downs, or sexual references is absolutely unacceptable..."

The two T-shirts obviously have sayings on them which are references to sexual activities. Therefore since it is in the student handbook, and has been since the elementary school days, the banning of these shirts, at least the arguments that back it, can be understood. What cannot be is that three students were noticed by one person last week, on the same day, wearing Big Johnson shirts, and they weren't asked to change.

To enforce rules in a school establishment, or anywhere else, those in charge of enforcing them must be consistent or else be ignored.



EDITORIAL

Katy Jordan
Managing Editor

"No" was the answer, he was told twice where he otherwise. In the walked down the cut shirts without and dresses that limits of good these girls told, change?

back to the senior change, he was told

FWCS lacks superintendent:

Candidates are not worthy of position

After reading some articles in the Sunday edition of *The Journal-Gazette* about who the next superintendent might be I decided to pull some interesting quotes for you.

The position for superintendent does not have any good candidates available to fill it.

The three the school board have narrowed it down to are so unqualified for the position it makes me want to run for the position myself.

First we have Mr. Percy Clark Jr. This man has already lied to us and he doesn't even have the job yet! He denied he was a candidate and that he was ever in Fort Wayne at a board meeting on September 10. He was sticking to his guns up until last Friday when he admitted to being in town, but not being a candidate for the position. This guy is really confused and we should not give him a second thought.

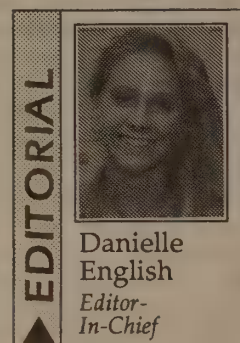
The next candidate is Thomas Fowler-Finn. This 46 year old resides in Haverhill Mass. Fowler-Finn has been the superintendent for six years now at Haverhill. Some praise Fowler-Finn for his accomplishments. "When it comes to innovative programs and achieving academic goals, Haverhill out of the 350 is now in the top ten," said Mr. Glen Lewandowski, former board member, in *The Journal*. Fowler-Finn has spent more time in central office than many administrators who are in their fifties.

Fowler-Finn said he was ready to make the jump from his district into ours, which is three times the size. "Fort Wayne presents a significant challenge, one I'm very interested in." But is it one that he is capable of rising to?

He also said that Fort Wayne

was a workable circumstance. He added if a district gets much bigger, goals are hard to accomplish. This sounds to me like he is kind of unsure about himself and the fact that he has to work with such a large number of students. We don't want a scardy-cat in office, do we?

"He's definitely a person who doesn't like to be wrong. If something isn't 100 percent right, he won't come forward and admit he messed up. He'll try to make the mistake look right," said Mr. Paul Rice Jr., council-



EDITORIAL

Danielle English
Editor-in-Chief

man, in *The Journal*. Committee member Mr. Roland Boucher said that at times he seemed somewhat intolerant of other points of view that differed from his own. It sounds like he is a little self-absorbed and hard-headed.

A little bit of credit has to be given to the guy because he did work with the rate of kids dropping out. He dropped the rate by four percent, and he raised the higher education rate by fifteen percent. That's the only good thing about the guy as far as I can see.

The third candidate is a real winner. He got fired from his last job as a superintendent. This guy's name is Ronald Jandura. He was the superintendent at St. Cloud Minn. until his contract was voted on and only one out of the five board members opted to keep him on as their superintendent.

Jandura said he wrote a 23 page explanation in his resume explaining the situation. Sounds like somebody feels guilty and wants to sugar-coat the truth to me.

Former principal in the district, Mr. Jerry Larson said in *The Journal* that he was perceived as having some difficulty working with people. Another person said that had he been more tactful he may have survived. Gary Woodcraft, parent of a student in St. Cloud said, "Jandura's frankness sometimes offends." Does this guy not think before he speaks?

Jandura's biggest achievement is cited as being a site-based management program, and he was there for 11 years. Man, he was a busy guy.

All of these candidates are, or were in the case of Jandura, being paid a considerable amount less than the salary of out superintendent. If we keep the superintendent hired at his normal salary that would save the school budget tons. Good idea, huh?

Regardless of these candidates' past, they are all unqualified for the job.

None of them are capable of handling a job as vast as this one. The superintendent is in charge of six high schools. These guys are use to working with one or two. How would they know what to do? How can they make that big of a leap and still be successful?

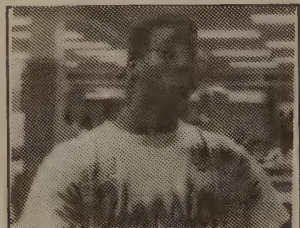
Our budget is at least \$80 million more than what they are use to handling. And we have 20,000 more students in our system. Do you think this would make a good practice run?

I think the job needs to be filled, but we shouldn't settle on just anyone.

We need and want someone who is really qualified to fill those shoes.

Off the Record...

"Who do you think should be the next superintendent?"



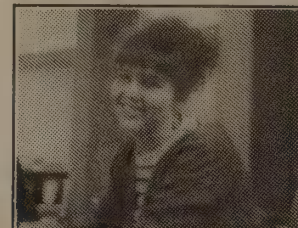
Jerome Kenner, Junior

"Actually I think it should be Dr. James Easton, because he is the best man for the job."



Anitra Mitchell, senior

"Fowler-Finn, because he is the best man for the job."



Heather Henry, freshmen

"Dr. Gardner, because I think he is a cool guy."



Levi Dill, sophomore

"Jandura because it is the best sounding name."



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Senior Profile

"Overwhelming" comes to mind when Tanganikya [Tanga] Mitchell describes her hectic schedule. "I do too much and hurt myself," she said.

This active senior is president of the African-American Club, president of Project Set, student leader of Campus Life, a member of Project Discovery, and a student council representative.

Out of her numerous activities, Tanga said that the African-American Club takes top priority. "We need to educate all races," she said. "I want to let people know the club is not just for blacks—but for everyone."

She refuted claims that the club

promotes racism. "We work with all, accept all, and communicate with all," she said.

The group this year will focus on social issues such as date rape and other types of violent crimes through the use of guest speakers.

This past summer Tanga went to a leadership conference held at Ball State. She was the only one in attendance from Fort Wayne. "It was a lot of fun," she said. "I learned how to communicate with others better."

Tanga has plans to major in both law enforcement and secondary school education at either Butler University, Alabama University, or Loyola University in Chicago. "I just want to do something to help the community," she said.



TANGA MITCHELL, SENIOR, raises her hand in class to answer a question. Photo by Chrissy Francies

Nine Inch Nails concert leaves fans content

LUCAS PERKINS
Concert Review

The ceiling ripples on the inside of a coffin. A dark substance is introduced. Blood drips down the screen.

This is how the film portion of the recent Nine Inch Nails concert ended.

The concert, which was at Ball State University on Sept. 10, was one of the strangest shows that has ever been put together.

It started with the aptly named opening band Marilyn Manson. A mixture of distorted guitar fuzz and technolike background beats, their music was at once loud, piercing, and strangely forboding.

They were followed by the Jim Rose Circus, who were exactly that—a circus. Jim Rose, the master of ceremonies, introduced a number of freaks who did various odd things.

One man, The Freak, hung large bricks and weights from loops in sensitive parts of his body such as his earlobes, nose, tongue, eyelids, and even his nipples, all of which looked excruciatingly painful.

Another man, The Armenian Rubber Man, managed to squeeze his entire body through the oval of a tennis racket.

After a few more amusing characters all did their respective, if not respectable, acts, the lights went up and we all proceeded to wait.

The crowd, already about to burst with anticipation, was forced to sit for almost an hour before Nine Inch Nails finally appeared. This did not sit

well. About three minutes before they came on, the fans on the floor started lifting their companions and body surfing them along the outstretched hands of the other people.

This was met with a few cheers from the stands. Hearing this, the people on the floor were encouraged to elevate more people, which encouraged more cheering from the stands, which encouraged even more elevation of fans from the floor.

There was so much energy in the arena you could almost feel it crackling against your skin.

Then, out of no where, some genius, some giant of intellectual might, decided that he wanted to be on the floor where all the action was instead of up in his assigned seat.

As he made a mad dash for the gate which, incidentally, was guarded by four security guards, a trail of close to fifty people followed.

Chaos ensued.

In a period of about 45

seconds, the population of the floor went from 100 people to close to 800.

People were jumping 20 feet down from their seats, and full blown fist-fights broke out where the security guards were attempting to block the river of

people.

Then the lights went out, and everybody froze. One breath, and then an eardrum-crushing up-roar.

Nine Inch Nails burst on to stage and quickly laid out six or seven of their heaviest songs for the crowds approval.

NINE INCH NAILS

a concert review



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After romping around and smashing things at random, Trent Reznor, the lead singer, collapsed to the floor in exhaustion. The lights went down, and in the darkness, the fans gasping for breath, a strangely translucent screen came down over the stage. Clouds, plateaus, and sagebrush in ultra-fast motion were put to calming music.

The images started to flash by at increasing speeds. Scenes of death; Vietnam, Ethiopia, war, famine, pestilence,

were all shown in grotesque detail.

A wolf was seen dying, then decomposing, then recomposing. Multiple times this was shown: the transition from life to death—the coffin with the curved ceiling. Another onslaught of heart-crushing music was performed before the concert came to its inevitable end.

A musical performance like this may never be out done, but it should be interesting to see them try.

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Good communication, leadership leads team to victory

CHRISTY MILLS
Sports Reporter

The girls' on the soccer team walked away proudly on Wednesday, September 14, as they defeated Leo, 3-0.

"We had good communication, good passes, and we all tried hard, and that is what helped us win the match," said Teri Getts, sophomore. "And plus it was easy to get down there (the other end of the field to score)."

"I am really proud of the way the girls have been playing. We need to be more aggressive," said Mike Pressler, coach.

Beth Andorfer, junior, said, "We need to talk more on the field, increase on ball skill, and definately need to lift our spirits up. We are young and need to grow more as a team. We have improved a lot and are out to do our best."

Lately the team's relationship has been "really shakey." They are all "tired of playing and bored with it," said Beth. Two times a week the whole team sits down to talk about problems and what they need to work on.

"Sometimes we play Duck-

Duck-Goose," said Teri. "We play different games to bring us closer as a team."

"The girls' record is 3-4, but this is an experimenal year for them. Two-thirds of the team has never played outdoor soccer before, which is really different from indoor soccer because the field is much larger. There aren't any walls, and it is harder to stop," Coach Pressler said. "One-third of the team has never played [at all] before. They are "young and growing together."

"Some of the girls are playing for fun while others are really dedicated," stated Coach Pressler.

"It's really hard," he said, "to practice together with all of the other activities going on at school, and it is even harder to get a practice field with the boys' soccer team going on at the same time."

Beth and Robin Killgore, junior, are the captains. "Beth is the emotional, energetical, and verbal leader. She is the first dressed and out on the field, ready for the drills," Coach Pressler said.

"Robin on the other hand is quiet, looked up to by the others, and stronged willed."



ATTEMPTING A GOAL, Robin Killgore, junior, kicks the ball. Photo by Jason Tearman

Practice makes perfect!



MOLLY ALFELD, JUNIOR, practices bumping the ball. The varsity team beat Elmhurst Tuesday night in both games. Photo by Jason Tearman

Cadets conquered, archers next

DEREK RITTENHOUSE
Sports Reporter

As the crowd filed out of Zollner Stadium the scoreboard read Visitors 32, Concordia 7.

North Side snapped a two game losing streak by defeating Concordia last Friday night in an SAC battle.

In the first quarter of play North jumped out to an early 7-0 lead on a 22 yard touchdown pass from Clifton Dickerson, senior, to Joe Kahn, senior.

Russ Gushing, senior, knocked in a field goal of 46 yards to make the score 10-0 at the end of the first quarter. Russ started off the second quarter with a 21 yard field goal.

With Concordia backed up in their own end senior Andre Oates tackled quarterback Nathan Trinklein for the safety and the two points.

Jason Hamilton, junior, had a 27 yard touchdown run to give North a 27-0 lead. Russ finished off the first half with a 20 yard field goal.

Concordia finally got on the scoreboard in the second quarter with

a 25 yard pass from Nathan Trinklein to Marc Emenhiser, that would be the last points they got in the game.

The third quarter was uneventful scoring wise but in the fourth quarter North scored when Clifton completed a 6 yard pass to junior Don'te Dixon.

The Redskins optioned for the 2-point conversion and got it when Dickerson completed a pass to senior Joe Kahn for the two points.

Tonight the Redskins play the South Side Archers at Wayne at 7:30.

Golf looks to next year, hopes for more members

DANIELLE ENGLISH
Editor-In-Chief

The girls' golf team ended their season last Saturday at Sectionals beating only Elmhurst.

The team had a tough time this season due to the lack of members. They neglected to win one match. The team consists of only five girls.

Coach Linda Frick, said that they had to forfeit a lot of matches because they didn't have enough girls to compete. Although the team didn't have quantity, they had some quality. The team had four seniors and one junior.

Stacy Fahls, senior, said she improved from her scores last year. "They were a lot better than last year," she said.

Coach Frick is hoping that more girls will come out for the team

because it is a great sport. "It's a sport that you can play later on in life." It's a difficult but fascinating sport, she said.

She wants a program to be started in middleschool to get the girls more interested and some just introduced to the sport.

One change the girls' endured this season was switching country clubs. They use to play at Colonial Oaks, now they play at Elks.

"It's a beautiful course!" said Coach Frick. She added that they were really lucky to be there because it was a really nice place.

A few embarrassing moments happened to the girls throughout their season. "Someone got sick on the bus coming home from Churubusco one time," said Stacy. Stacy also said that Christy Baker, senior, hit a girl with a golf ball.

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Students caught smoking

AISHA JONES
News Reporter

This was the first time this year that this has happened, yet, faculty members like Mrs. Mary Larson, assistant to the principal, can only wonder if it will be the last.

The three guys caught smoking in the bathroom can be used as another example of students not being responsible.

There have been numerous reports of gang graffiti and other literature found on school property, specifically on walls of bathroom stalls and on the some parts of the school walls outside.

Students are being accused of defacing the school. According to Mrs. Larson, it is time for everyone to be responsible and take notice of the things around them.

She said, "Society thinks it's ok to deface public property. We're

just a little society like the ones in the streets." Anyone found smoking or destroying school property in any way will be suspended from school with a parent teacher conference scheduled.

Mrs. Larson said, "It will take the eyes of every student to catch these people red handedly."

She said that the boys' bathrooms seem to have more problems with gang graffiti and that the girls' bathroom have more problems with profanity.

However, in both cases, these people need to be held responsible for their crimes.

"It's really hard to catch these people doing the act," Mrs. Larson said.

Defacing the school takes away what little school pride is left and replaces it with the responsibility to change. Mrs. Larson said, "Students need to begin to take responsibility for their actions. That's the bottom line."

A little school spirit



ANICIA COLLINS, JUNIOR, displays her school spirit on Hippy Day, just one of the designated theme days for homecoming. Photo by Jason Tearman

The healthy choice



JUNIORS SARA BIGGS, and Teresa Haag, walk around at the health fair Tuesday. Photo by Jason Tearman

Parents to roam halls Wed.

JAMIE FORD
News Reporter

Parent visitation for seniors and juniors will be Wednesday, October 5 from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.

"[Parent visitation day] gives parents an idea of what a day in the life of a North Side student is like," said Mrs. Laura Taliaferro, Assistant Principal. "Most parents haven't been in a school during daily

operation since they were students."

Parents will arrive at 10 A.M. and report to the cafeteria for a 15 minute orientation. They will be turned over to a student guide for a tour of the building.

"Parents will be allowed to visit any offices and classrooms they want," said Mrs. Taliaferro.

After the tour parents will be invited to join students for lunch and afterwards go to a meeting in the media center

Expert speaks of children and violence

ERIN MCATEE
News Editor

North Side students will have the opportunity to listen to an international expert speak about children and violence at an upcoming community meeting.

Sponsored by Allen Superior Court Family Relations Division and the Allen County Division of Family and Children, this free meeting will be Wednesday evening at 7:30 in the auditorium.

Dr. Kathleen Kostelny, author of "Children in Danger," will speak at the beginning of the meeting with the main topic being "Understanding The Affects Of Violence On Our Children."

A panel discussion made up of community leaders will follow. The panel will open up to the audience for questions and answers.

Dr. Kostelny has spoken at conferences around the world including Germany, Palestine, Canada, and the Gaza Strip.

She has also served as a consultant for documentaries produced by ABC, CBS, NBC, and Fox News. She is presently serving as a research assistant for the Erikson Institute in Chicago, Illinois.

The panel will be comprised of members of the Judiciary, State Legislature, Law Enforcement, Education, Social Services, and Community Agencies.

Members include: Judge

William Briggs, Allen Superior Court Family Relations Division; Senator Thomas Wyss, Indiana State Senate; Representative Win Moses, Indiana House of Representative; Sheriff Joseph Squadrito, Sheriff of Allen County; Captain William Nelson, Fort Wayne Police Department; Joyce Mallory, Director Fort Wayne Urban League; Dr. James Easton, Interim Superintendent Fort Wayne Community Schools; John Ray, Regional Director Lutheran Social Services; and Kathleen Donnellan, Director Catholic Social Services.

Anyone who is interested in attending should report to the auditorium. Remember that this is not only for North students and parents, but also for anyone in the community.

Auditions for play start Tuesday

AISHA JONES
News Reporter

Anyone interested in trying out for a play may want to audition for "Take Her She's Mine."

Auditions will be held Oct. 4-5 after school at 3:00 in the auditorium.

"Take Her She's Mine" is the name of the play that will be featured here.

This comedy will take the audience through the trials and tribulations as girls become women in college.

The authors, Phoebe and Henry Ephron, describe this play as a "delightful play about parents vs kids."

"Take Her She's Mine" describes the sophisticated girl as she first enters college and how she eventually grows up and starts taking life seriously.

Mrs. Claryn Myers, drama teacher, wants to encourage all interested students to try out.

She said, "This is a great opportunity for anyone who thinks they may be interested in being on stage."

Mrs. Myers concluded that acting parts run from large to very small.

She said, "You don't have to have a big part to be in it."

The Haitian ordeal will end soon

Haiti is in the Caribbean Sea. They are having a few problems right now. So, the United States, being the bad dogs in the planet, took it upon themselves to try to absolve the problems.

The conflict put in Layman's terms. President Aristide, of Haiti, was overthrown by the army. The army was headed by a man named Cedras (he just wanted to rebel). The army was doing terrible things to the Haitians. The army was beating the Haitian people and making their way of life difficult. That's when the United States stepped in.

In the beginning we were just there to scare the army into letting the president do his job again. This didn't work.

The army continued it's horrific reign without a glance at us. We were under a code of engagements. Which meant that we couldn't fire unless fired upon (like a self defense only basis). So before our eyes 10 Haitians were clubbed to death and the troops couldn't intervene because nothing was being done to them. That code of conduct was soon changed. We were no longer there to observe. Instead we were there to protect. And that we did. Cedras agreed to step down and allow President, Aristide, to come back to his rightful position in three weeks. If he doesn't step down by October 16, there will be a conflict again. What the United States will do, is up in the air. No one knows if there will be an all out war, but it's doubtful.

People keep talking about the United States minding it's own business. I see nothing wrong with what we did in Desert Storm, or throughout this Haitian ordeal. It's like these other countries are our little sisters and brothers and some bully is harassing them. We are simply sticking up for them. That's all. If the United States were in trouble and needed somebody's help, I sure hope that someone would interfere and help us. If, god forbid, someone started a war with us and we were the underdogs, I hope someone would help us. I think everyone would want that help.

Then there is the issue of people worrying about some of our guys dying over there. They are in the army. Their duty is to protect and to serve. They know this. No one wants to die, and no one wants anyone else to die. Death is a terrible thing. But it is a probability in the army. No one on our side has died in Haiti yet, except for a soldier who decided to take his own life. The probability that there will be an outright war is very minimal. Cedras doesn't have the allies to fight the United States.

Hopefully this thing will be resolved soon, without anymore bloodshed.

EDITORIAL



Danielle English
Editor-
In-Chief



Fowler-Finn obvious candidate after meeting

Jandura or Fowler-Finn?

That's the question my fellow peers and I had to decide upon.

In round-table discussions held last Monday and Tuesday at the Grile Administration Building, two representatives from most of the high schools in the the Fort Wayne Community system sat down and had an informal discussion with the two candidates on separate occasions.

Thomas Fowler-Finn was up first.

He spoke of his numerous ideas and accomplishments as superintendent of Haverhill, Mass., schools. We were impressed with his seemingly strong ideas on getting involved with their education. At Haverhill, students were on the school board. He seemed to really care and relate to the students and their concerns. He spoke of workshops he instituted where students dealt with the isms—racism, sexism, and ageism. He also had a hand in students starting a club called Students Overcoming Prejudice.

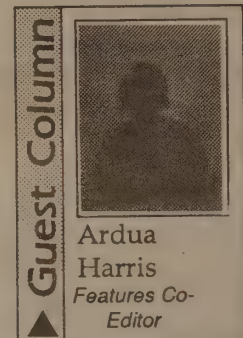
All in all, Fowler-Finn seemed at ease with us. He said it

wasn't unusual to find him eating in the cafeteria with students.

Next came Ronald Jandura.

He seemed a little uncomfortable sitting there with all our eyes upon him.

There was an eerie silence after the introductions were made.



Guest Column

Ardua Harris
Features Co-
Editor

Then the first question was asked.

The session pretty much echoed the previous one. Jandura was equally qualified for the job.

He too was a supporter of getting students more involved with

the educational process. He also supported culturally diverse student bodies. In his former position as superintendent of St. Cloud, Minn. schools, he met with representative from each high school once a year to discuss their concerns.

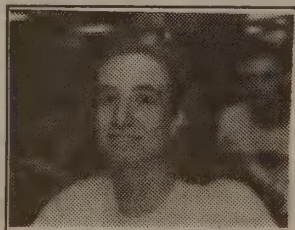
Jandura showed interest in instituting more advanced placement classes in high schools. He described a program in St. Cloud where students were able to earn college credit while still attending high school. Some students entered their junior year of college after graduation.

The bottom line is that most of us felt that Jandura was evasive especially about why he was let go from his former position of 11 years. He didn't seem to be as comfortable with us as Fowler-Finn was. Some felt he delegated too much authority and was afraid to initiate programs on his own.

So when the school board asked for our opinion about the candidates for superintendent, we unanimously cast our vote in favor of Fowler-Finn.

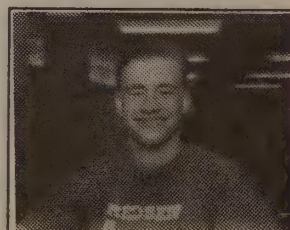
Off the Record...

"What do you think of the U.S. being in Haiti?"



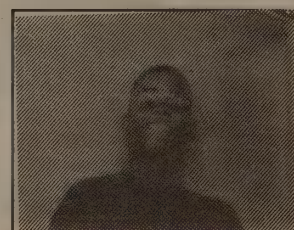
Sara Schriefer, senior

"We have enough problems in the U.S., we have no business getting involved in other countries' problems."



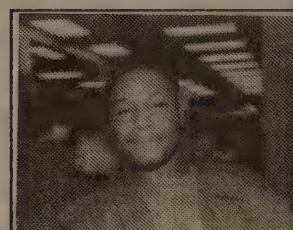
Jason McMillane, senior

"I think that us getting involved is something that should be done, nobody likes a bully."



Terrence Suttle, senior

"I think the problems of the U.S. are more important than those of Haiti."



Greg Sutton, junior

"We have more problems in the hood."



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SAT offered in November and December

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For many students it's a source of anxiety.

For others it's just another of the many tests students are forced to endure.

It's the dreaded SAT's. The test that could make or break a student's admissions to the college of his/her choice.

"The results just show whether or not you're a good test-taker," said Darcy Towsley, senior. "It's not fair because some good students don't test as well as mediocre ones," she added.

But Brendan Thomason, senior, said that colleges need some standard to judge students on. "It doesn't measure true thinking ability, but it is needed," he said.

Students have various ways of preparing for the test, but some don't prepare at all.

Darcy, a National Merit Semi-finalist, said she doesn't prepare for the test. She's taken the test before, but will retest in November.

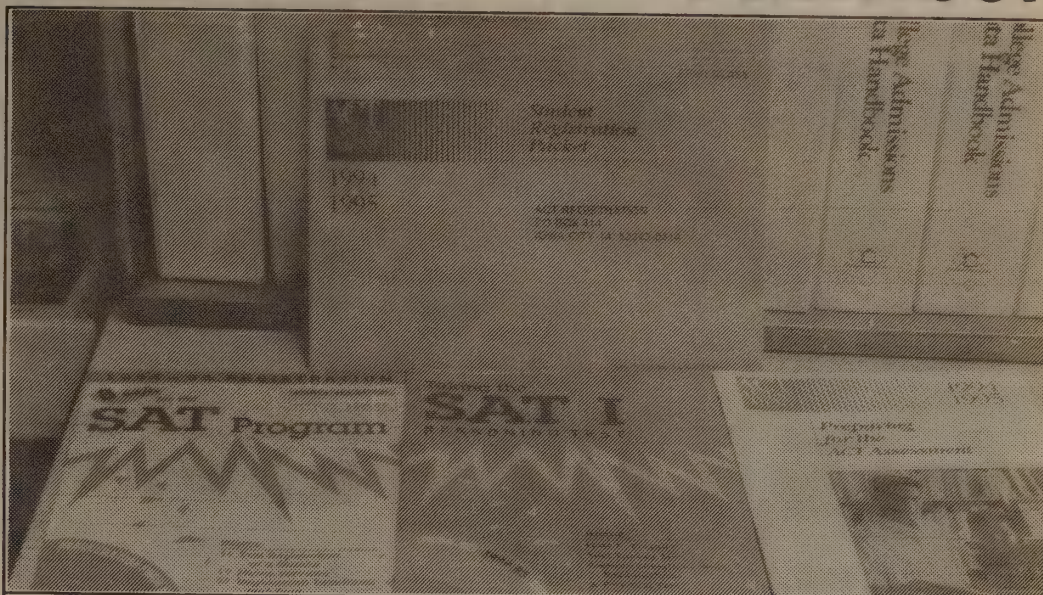
"I just go take it," she said. "I don't get nervous at all."

Brendan, on the other hand, has a program on his computer that helps him prepare. He's taken the test twice already.

Jason Mears, senior, prepares for the test by getting a lot of rest the night before.

"If I'm comfortable physically, I'll do better mentally," he said.

The SAT's are being offered at North this semester on Nov. 5 and Dec. 3. Registration deadlines for the November test is today and Oct. 28 is the deadline for the December test.



THE SAT TEST is offered in November and December. It is a test that causes some students a lot of stress, while to others it isn't a big deal. Photo by Jason Teaman

A moment of prayer



A GROUP OF students pray around the flag pole before school. Photo by Jason Teaman

Eating habits vary among students

ARDUA HARRIS
Features Co-Editor

The clock strikes 11:00 signaling the beginning of the first lunch mod.

Students are seen rushing to the cafeteria to get a good spot in line or hurrying to their cars for a half hour of freedom.

Lunch is a time of day many students anticipate. Whether it be for a chance to hang out with friends or a chance catch up on homework, lunch is a period of relaxation in a hectic day.

Many students choose to go out rather than eat in the cafeteria. Renee Myers, senior, is one of those students. "The cafeteria is too busy and I don't like to wait in line," she said.

Mandy Gilliard, senior, ech-

oed Renee's thoughts. She said, "The lines are bad, but you get that wherever you go."

Popular places to eat off campus include Burger King, Wendy's, and McDonald's.

"I like to go out you get more of a choice," said Renee. "Drive through is faster and I have more time to eat."

Bree Syder, senior, was forced to eat in the cafeteria last week because her car broke down. "The lines were too long and I had to wait forever," she said.

She recalled an incident in the cafeteria when she slipped on some applesauce and hurt her arm. Bree also said that the food was too greasy.

Mandy likes to go out because it's a nice break from the day. "I

go to a friend's house because it gets too expensive to eat out all the time," she said.

Some students do eat in the cafeteria. Shonda Newsome, senior, eats in the cafeteria because she has no money or transportation. "I would love to go out," she said. "It's gets boring there (cafeteria) everyday."

She uses the time to catch up on the latest gossip. She unlike the others, said the cafeteria lines are not too long.

"I eat second lunch and the majority of the people go out, so there's hardly anyone there," she said.

All four agreed that the lunch period should be longer. "We wouldn't have to rush so much and we'd have more time to do more things," said Mandy.

Good friends share responsibilities, offer trip to Europe

LUCAS PERKINS
Features Reporter

Spain, Peru, France, England, and over ten other countries have been visited by teachers Mr. Bruce Massoth and Mr. Orvil Schlatter.

Having been to Europe a total of seven times and to other parts of the world with their students, Mr. Massoth and Mr. Schlatter have had quite a few experiences in other cultures.

Their trips originated when Mr. Schlatter was taking a group of students to Hawaii in 1978. The day before they were to leave, he became very sick and Mr. Massoth had to take over the trip. Suddenly, this strange man whom neither the students nor the parents knew, was taking responsibility

for two weeks of the students' lives.

Fortunately, the majority of the trip went smoothly.

Now, the trips work out well because of the balance the two teachers have struck in dividing the responsibility. Mr. Massoth does the planning and organization while Mr. Schlatter is the knowledgeable tour guide that conducts the learning por-

tion of the trip.

The trips expand the students knowledge by offering different views of the world, and are paid for by the students with some help from the Heffner Fund.

On the trips, Mr. Schlatter makes sure to hit all the local museums as well as other places of interest.

Mr. Massoth states that those

trips help him to teach by keeping him excited about the job. "Although", he says, "we spend most of the rest of our year paying our Master Cards."

Mr. Massoth says that Mr. Schlatter can teach art history, and Mr. Schlatter admits that he is a "fairly literate guy in Renaissance art", but adds that Mr. Massoth probably knows enough to teach geography, and Mr.

Massoth agrees that he has learned a lot from Mr. Schlatter.

Mr. Schlatter says the relationship between him and Mr. Massoth is a "mutually beneficial knowledge exchange", and that they have frequently solved the world's problem in discussion. He clarifies this by grinning and saying, "Both of us have very warped minds."

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Panthers to be guests at Homecoming tonight

DEREK RITTENHOUSE
Sports Reporter

Last Friday the Redskin football team nipped South Side in a 24-21 battle to move North into a third place tie with Elmhurst and Bishop Dwenger.

Senior Dan Amos started off North's scoring with an amazing 62 yard run to bring North out front 7-0. The big story of the game was Russ Gushing's 57 yard field goal. Russ missed the state record by 3 yards.

In the second quarter South Side's Adrian Reese caught an 8 yard pass from quarterback Anthony Macon and Reese also had a 5 yard touchdown run. Both extra points were missed.

North finished out the half

with sophomore Eric Martin's 10 yard reception from Clifton Dickerson, to put North ahead 16-12 at the half.

There was no scoring in the third quarter, but in the fourth quarter South Side got a safety, and then Adrian Reese ran for a 39 yard touchdown. Reese ended up with 358 total yards for the game.

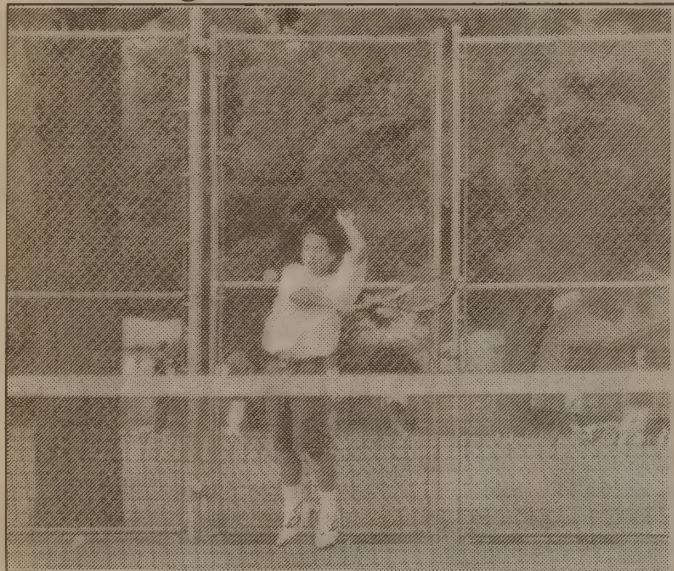
Late in the quarter, quarterback Clifton Dickerson had a 1 yard touchdown run to give North a 22-21 lead with just moments to go. Coach Doerffler optioned for the 2-point conversion and Dickerson got it to give North the win by the score of 24-21.

Tonight North Side will play Snider (5-0) in the annual Homecoming game at 7:30. A large crowd is expected so get here early.



ONE OF THE many plays in the game that beat South Side last Friday. Photo by Jason Tiernan.

Swingin' into action



FOLLOWING THROUGH ON his forehand, Tuan Tran, senior, strokes his opponents. Photo By Richard Ning.

Hawks were dominated to make it win two

CHRISTY MILLS
Sports Editor

The varsity volleyball team defeated Harding last Thursday and it was their second straight win of the week.

"We played decent. Harding wasn't too hard of a team to play," said Leslie Pulver, sophomore.

Because Harding was not hard to play, many team members who usually didn't get an opportunity to play, got into the competition.

The score for the first game was 15-11, giving North the win.

Mr. Ry Taliaferro, head coach, stated after the first game, "I am disappointed in the play of our players. Their serves weren't going over and their passes weren't too accurate.

The score for the second

game was 15-5, North. Coach Taliaferro said the team let the score get ahead of them but beat them with an upstraight of serves.

He said, "We had better concentration, passes, serves, and we were more alert than the first game."

Chris Sutton, junior, said, "When we pass well, we play a good game."

Chris led the team with seven defense digs and nine kills. Following her with kills was Sam Walker, senior, with eight kills and Molly Alfeld, junior, with seven kills.

Jackie Mohr, junior, topped the team with four service aces.

Last Saturday the team competed in the Harding Invitational.

They played against Peru first and lost in three games. The scores were 7-15, Peru; 15-3, North Side;

10-15, Peru.

The second game they played Luers and lost 13-15 and 6-15. The last game was against Columbia City and North defeated them 16-14 and 15-3.

"We had trouble with our serves and passes", said Coach Taliaferro.

If you can't serve or pass the ball then you can't score, he said.

The Journal-Gazette wrote an article about Stephanie Goes, sophomore, for the Prep Sports section, on how dedicated she is to volleyball and how well she plays it.

WKJG, news channel 33, came to Stephanie's practice and interviewed her for the "Athelete of the Week."

The show was aired on Tuesday.

Redskins play for other schools

FROM STAFF REPORTS

When it comes to sports not many people consider playing for another high school, except for three students, seniors Adam Lamb, Derek Rittenhouse and freshman Paul DeJarnett.

Adam and Derek play hockey for Northrop while Paul plays for New Haven.

Not many people know North Side even has a hockey team, but they do, and so do five other area high schools; Snider, Homestead, Carroll, Northrop, and New Haven.

Since hockey is not sanctioned by the IHSA, players can play for other schools but they have to abide by the school rules and grading policy.

Clubs often have to put up their own money for activities, but for the hockey club it is more than just a few dollars, try \$600-\$700 per player. "It's all about ice time, if you are going to pay a lot of money you're going to work hard and eventually start", said Adam.

Some people may think that

they are a "traitor" when they go play for another school. "It's not like we are defecting to another country. I just don't want to play for North because they don't have what I'm looking for" Adam said.

On October 4 the Redskins will play the Homestead Spartans at 9:15 in the first game of the season.

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Spirit goes too far

ERIN MCATEE
News Editor

A certain number of students went overboard with their homecoming spirit by going as far as vandalizing Snider High School.

Students used spray paint, shoe polish, and toilet paper to vandalize their building, football field, and other property.

Mrs. Mary Larsen, assistant to principal, said that "Everyone knew who did it because they left 'NSHS' and 'North' all over."

She also said that she doesn't want people to think that North Side, as a school, is a bad place to be because of this negative experience.

If and/or when the students that are responsible are caught, the matter will be handed over to the police. After the police are done, the school would then step in to take their own measures.

"It upsets me that we have people who think it's OK to write on other people's property. It is a costly thing and it goes right back to their parents because they are the ones who end up paying for it," said Mrs. Larsen.

She added that "a segment of the young people don't know the expenses involved in cleaning up their messes."

One student who wishes to remain anonymous has this to say about the incident, "I don't feel that it was really a bad thing. We are just high school students. Things like that should be expected during homecoming week, just maybe not so extreme."

"It was just some kids having some fun, we didn't really hurt anybody," added another student.

There is a reward being offered to anyone who knows anything more about anyone who was connected to this event.

A look to the future



STUDENTS HAD THE chance to talk to college representatives about schools, programs, and financial aid at Higher Education Day Wednesday. Photo by Richard Ning

A foreign adventure



A GROUP OF exchange students from Japan eat lunch in the cafeteria. They are visiting North for one month. Photo by Richard Ning

Tech class betters people, workplace

AISHA JONES
News Reporter

Students with information and to teach them to understand and process the information they received.

Tech prep classes will be offered here at North Side. Anyone interested needs to contact Mr. Rice or Mrs. Solero as soon as possible.

This specific Tech prep class has been under development for four years. A lot of work and preparation has gone into this program. Yet, the hard work has paid off because students now have a class offered to them that will better them and their future work place.

The idea is to provide stu-

This Tech prep class will provide students with the tools to think through situations and to eventually arrive at a logical explanation to the problem given. Mr. Rice says, "This class will provide students with everything they need to excel in school and in the work place."

The class expects to go on field trips, perform lab work, and work with computers. Mr. Rice concludes by saying, "This class is a good opportunity for any student."

Students teach students

JAMIE FORD
News Staff

October 14 and 15, fourteen students will have the opportunity to attend a workshop in Indianapolis.

These students will get the chance to learn to teach a lesson to kids.

The students will then teach what they learned to third graders at Northcrest Elementary School.

Mrs. Susan Boesch, Project SET advisor, was contacted by Mr.

Phil Nixon of Northcrest elementary to ask if any of the Project SET members would be interested in attending the workshop.

Mr. Nixon received a grant for the students who attend, they will only pay five dollars. All of this includes a night at a Holiday Inn Holidome and meals.

"It's a wonderful way to decide on a career in education," said Mrs. Boesch.

She also added anyone who wants to work with kids or in education can be involved in Project SET.

Smile!



SENIOR ALLISON DUNNO gets her picture taken for the yearbook. Seniors who didn't get their picture taken at Watters Studio had to do this Wednesday. Photo by Richard Ning

Pride last week is commended

Hats off to all who participated in the Spirit Week last week. I thought that it was the best one I'd seen in four years.

The participation last week exhibited by all classes was phenomenal. Many participated in the activities and displayed their pride for North. It made me proud.

During Homecoming I would have been proud to have some guests in the building show what we were capable of. This behavior helps make up for the unsightly Kroger incidents on our reputations.

First of all, the competition between the classes was hilarious. Although it was wrong to move the furniture from floor to floor, but it was very amusing to see two students totting a couch up and down the steps. I think the rivalry between classes made the week all the more spectacular.

The dress-up days were outstanding. So many students and teachers dressed up and displayed their pride.

I don't know what it was about this year but the pride was definitely greater than ever. There were many outstanding nerd and hippie outfits.

Also, the mere fact that we raised almost 2100 cans of food for the needy is a great accomplishment. Which deserves praise.

The powder puff game was unbelievable. The competition between the two classes couldn't have been matched. The game was a little violent, but very fun to play in and watch.

The pep session was one of the best that I've ever seen.

It all started with the most amazing singing of the National Anthem I've heard in a long while. That was outstanding ladies.

It was definitely one of the most humorous pep sessions too. The mini olympics was very fun to watch. There's just something about watching your friends humiliate themselves in front of the student body that makes you chuckle.

The rap song in the middle of the pep session was awesome. I can't believe those two guys had the guts to get up in front of the whole school and do that. It most assuredly got the school hype for the game that night. Hey, when can I get the single? Good job guys!

During the rap song a huge group of seniors got up and started dancing. I'd never seen this before. There was even one guy who had so much pride he even displayed his Redskin boxers to all. That was a sight. When the song was over all the guys who had been dancing jumped down from the stands and ran over to the two who were rapping and jumped on-top of them. Talk about some enthusiasm.

In closing I'd like to say that Pride week made me proud to be here. All in the school did a great job. Make it happen next year.



EDITORIAL

Danielle English
Editor-In-Chief

Chief asks audience to understand why

DANIELLE ENGLISH
Editor-In-Chief

In response to a letter that the principal recieved a few weeks ago challenging my and my advisers's credibility, I'd like to make a few things clear to the public.

First of all *The Northerner* is a student publication, and done entirely by the students. Adults have nothing to do with the putting together of the paper or the distribution of it.

We are students, and not professional journalists. This needs to be stressed. We do this as a class to have fun and to learn. None of us treat this as our job, nor do we get paid for doing all we do. We have only had a year of training at the most.

Within a week this class of only a handful of willing kids puts

together a finished product in half the time it takes most schools to do one paper. *The Northerner* is one of the two weekly papers in Indiana. That is amazing to me.

Our week consists of meeting deadlines, assignments, and a lot of problems to deal with. So I apologize to all of those who were offended.

This class meets only for one hour five times a week. This is a short amount of time for a paper to be put out in.

I guess the only thing I am asking from the readers and the letter writer is to keep in mind the circumstances under which the paper is done in.

Believe me, many hours after school have been spent alone in a room typing. Wednesday afternoons are the most stressful day of the

week for the staff (that's deadline day).

The only interference that the paper has from adults is when there is a problem or when we have a question.

Our adviser is there for that reason, to advise. Not to play mom. This is a learning experience for all of us.

I ask you not to take offense to a typo, or a poorly cropped picture. Mistakes happen. Typos are inevitably going to occur.

My vocabulary was also ridiculed by my mysterious letter writer.

To make my points understood by the whole student body, I like to use words that the whole student body can understand. Not just a few brainy students and some English teachers.

Believe me, my vocabulary can be elephantine at times.

Letter writer angry over disrespect

Letter to the Editor:

How bout that pep rally eh? It was one of the best I've ever seen since I've been here at North Side (four years).

Everything was different in its own way except for the group of people every year. You know the one. They sit up in the stands and laugh and have their own bit of fun during the singing of the National Anthem. Those four ladies sang that song so beautifully and yet that bunch of disrespectful morons (for lack of better terms) stood up there and yelled and screamed and carried on like a bunch of kids.

Whether they were yelling because it was sung poorly the singers and the flag should get the respect they deserve. Maybe that little group

of children yelled and screamed because they don't like the country they live in. Well, there are a lot of people who have a lot of pride in this country. We're the number one world superpower. We have the largest economy in the world. We have by far the best military and defense forces in the world. We have so many things that are second to none in this world.

I don't see what's not to like and/or have pride in (except for maybe government officials, but that's another topic).

It really offends me and most of the student body when respect and pride is not shown to the United States flag and what it represents. I understand that a lot of people don't want to claim this country as their origin, that's

your right. I also understand that it is your right to stand (or sit as you usually do) and make comments or laugh, joke, and carry on during the National Anthem.

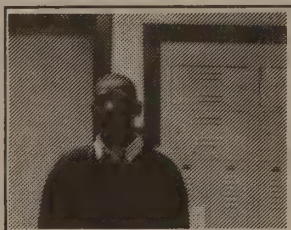
It's also common courtesy to at least keep quiet during it to show respect to those who respect the flag and the United States. I have pride in this country so deep not even a crow bar could dig it out (although some of you would like to do just that).

So I'm asking you with as much courtesy as possible to please at least keep your comments to yourselves until the end of the song. Thank You.

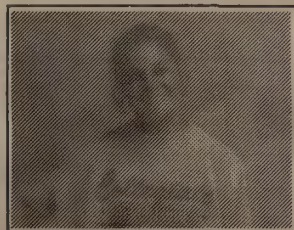
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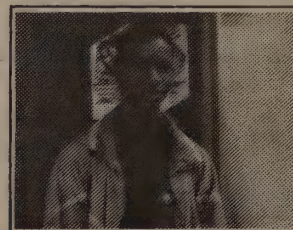
"How do you think the Spirit Week went?"



John Mays, senior
"I think it went ok, it was fine."



Katie Didier, freshman
"I think most people participated so they wouldn't look stupid."



Jamarcus Newsome, freshman
"I think there could have been more support from the freshmen."



Stephanie Robertson, junior
"I don't think there was enough people participating."



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Dreams are learning experience, symbols of things what is in store

LUCAS PERKINS
Features Reporter

Dreams and their meanings have been pondered by people for centuries. Sigmund Freud with his explanations of symbolism and C.G. Jung with his equally opposing theories of psychological archetypes, have both successfully begun schools of thought based of their work. Mediums, mages, and spiritualists of all types have forever searched for hidden meaning in these strange images that flash across our slumbering minds. But what do people today think, and more specifically, what do students of North Side think and feel about dreams?

"I think they are an intellectually stimulating escape from real-

ity," says Jessica Helmke, junior. "It's just a place where you don't have to deal with everyday life and where you can do anything."

She relays a story of one of her recent dreams. It seems she was at

*"Seems like I've been here before,
Seems so familiar I...
Seems like I'm slipping,
Into a dream within a dream."
-Tool (musical group)*

work and could see herself working. An old man came up and began to rape the self she could see. She turned her head away from the horrible sight only to find a field of dead grass with a small boy lying there decaying with a knife in

his chest. It was impossible for her to look anywhere without seeing something gruesome.

Jeremy Gibson, sophomore, said, "Dreams are images of your inner strengths and weaknesses caused by experiences in the outside world."

He said he once found himself in a completely white, circular chamber, accompanied only by the strong feeling of loneliness along with a bitter coldness.

"You can learn from your dreams," he said

So what can we learn from our dreams? Our future...or our past? Our fortune... or our misfortune? Or are they just random images meant to confuse and inspire us?

Maybe someday we'll know the answers, but for now all we can do is wonder.

National Merit Scholar announced student welcomes chance for scholarships

ARDUA HARRIS
Features co-editor

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced its semi-finalist for 1995. Darcy Towsley, senior, was the only one from North Side who qualified. Ian Crace, Jeremy White, and Laura Helmke, seniors, were named commended students.

If Darcy advances to the finalist level, she will be eligible for scholarships from the Merit Program. About 6,700 Merit Program scholarships worth more than \$26 million will be awarded in the spring. More than one million juniors entered the 1995 Merit Program by taking the 1993 PSAT/NMSQT.

Darcy said she was really happy when she was told of her semi-finalist status because of the opportunity for scholarships.

"I need all the help [paying for college] I can get," she said. She found out on Sept.9, but wasn't al-

lowed to tell anyone until the corporation released the names nationally on Sept. 14. "It was difficult to keep silent," she said.

Darcy is an active athlete. Cross country and track take up much of her time, but she enjoys it. "Running makes you find out a lot about yourself," she said.

"I find out how far I can push myself." She was All SAC her sophomore year in cross country.

Academics also play an important role in Darcy's life. She has been on either high honors or highest honors all four years of her high school career.

"I want to maintain my GPA and get into the college of my choice," she said. She hopes to attend Duke University, University of Miami, or the University of Virginia.

Ian, Jeremy, and Laura all have mixed emotions on being named commended students. On one hand they're happy they almost made it, on the other, they wish they would have

qualified for the scholarships.

Ian wants to raise his GPA so he can be in the top 10% of his class. "It's where I should have been all along, but I've been just sliding by, he said.

He is on the speech team, spell bowl team, and runs track. Indiana University is his first choice, but he is undecided on what his major will be.

"It's good to be called commended," said Jeremy. "But it doesn't make me any smarter." He too wants to finish the year strongly, but mostly he wants to enjoy it. He plans to join the Navy DEP (Delayed Enrichment Program).

Laura said, "Being a commended student isn't anything big because it was only a test." She is involved with numerous activities at North which include drama, the speech team, golf, and student council.

She plans to study international relations, political science, or pre-med.

Film worthy of Oscar

AARON MARTZ
Features Reporter

Though Stephen King is known as a master of supernatural horror, *The Shawshank Redemption* is one of his few exceptions.

Based upon King's novella "Rita Hayworth and Shawshank Redemption," which was collected in the 1982 book *Different Seasons*, the film is a stunning 144 minute look at a 20 year relationship between two men inside the tough Shawshank Prison walls.

The film was scripted and directed by Frank Darabont who made a short film of King's story "The Woman in the Room for The Night Shift Collection."

His script remains remarkably close to the story as it begins with the character Andy Dufresne, played wonderfully by Tim Robbins, who is a banker convicted of murdering his wife and her lover. He is sentenced to two life terms and sent to Maine's Shawshank Prison.

Inside the prison walls, Dufresne quickly learns that prison life can be as brutal as life outside as he is constantly taunted and beaten by a group of homosexuals called

"the sisters."

Morgan Freeman plays Red, 'the guy who can get it for you.' Red's relationship with Dufresne begins when Dufresne requests the smuggling of a rock hammer into the prison for his unusual hobby of rock carving.

Their relationship soon becomes a friendship when Dufresne gains respect in the prison due to his abilities as a banker.

The guards and even the warden take advantage of his skills, and soon he is doing everyone's taxes and is given management of the prison library.

The film includes the usual cliches given to nearly all prison movies: the heavy-handed prison guard, the over-strict warden (this time a religious fanatic), and an ending that isn't particularly surprising, but there is so much more to the movie that they don't matter.

The film is extremely well made and deserves multiple Oscars as do Robbins and Freeman for their performances.

Playing at Coldwater Crossing, (The Shawshank Redemption), while not a horror film of the supernatural, is, instead, one about life.



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Panthers ruin Homecoming; mistakes plague the team



JUNIOR JAVON MARTIN runs with the ball at last Friday's game just before he was taken down by a member of Snider's team. Photo by Jason Tearman

DEREK RITTENHOUSE
Sports Reporter

Snider spoiled the Homecoming week festivities with a 31-7 victory over North last Friday night.

North's record is 3-3 and Snider is a perfect 6-0.

Snider jumped out to an early lead when Jabar Robinson (a line-backer playing as a fullback) ran for a two yard touchdown.

Guard Andre Oates probably never expected to get a touchdown in his high school career, but he did. Percy Fitts fumbled the ball at the Snider 11, the ball shot straight to the very surprised Oates and he ran it in for the touchdown. "When I saw the ball I knew what I had to do so I just picked it up and ran," said Andre.

Snider's Jason Lee kicked a towering 41 yard field goal at the end of the half to put Snider out in front to stay.

North Side didn't help their cause with three turnovers and three personal foul penalties that kept Snider deep in North territory the rest of the game.

"We made some mistakes and that hurt us because you can't win by making those kind of mistakes," said Coach Doerffler.

Snider scored three more times in the second half to make the final score 31-7 in favor of the Panthers. Snider finished the game with 237 yards rushing.

Tonight the Redskins will play the Wayne Generals at 7:30 at Wayne Stadium. North will try to improve their record to 4-3.

"I think the team needs to play with a little more character, but the biggest thing is that we just go out there and have fun. Snider didn't intimidate us. We were just too anxious because it was Homecoming and Snider was 5-0," said Doerffler.

Highlight Stats from Friday

Javon Martin had 6 carries for a total of 54 yards

Percy Fitter carried 11 times for a total of 60 yards

Clifton Dickerson passed 10-21 for a total of 64 yards with only two interceptions

Note: North will play Elkhart Memorial there on October 21.

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Cross Country on running streak of wins

CHRISTY MILLS
Sports Reporter

The boys' and girls' cross country teams dominated Elmhurst and Blackhawk Christian last Thursday, September 29, in a meet at Elmhurst.

The girls easily beat Elmhurst and Blackhawk, but then the team was overpowered by Heritage, 25-35.

Elizabeth Towsley, sophomore, came in first for North and third overall.

Darcy Towsley, senior, running back to back with Elizabeth, placed fourth, Takiyah Franklin, senior, placed sixth, and placing seventh was Kendra Wilson.

"Darcy and I ran back to back, which is what the teams' goal is for the season. That is why we did so good," explained Elizabeth.

Mr. Tom Knudson, girls' cross country coach, said that he was really pleased with the way the girls ran.

"They did a nice job. Even though we lost against heritage, it was close," he said. During the summer and pre-season the girls ran over 600 miles including a run which was over one hour and thirty-three minutes long, which was their longest time running all at one time.

At the practices they usually run about 20 minutes straight. The guys' usually run between 2-4 miles a day throughout practice.

The boys' cross country team beat Heritage, Elmhurst, and Blackhawk. The team ran exceptionally well and every member of the team ran a personal best time.

Leading the defeat was Jesse Dolson, placing second; then came Jeremiah Jeffery, third; Jamarcus Newsome, sixth; Kevin Woods, seventh; Cameron Curry, tenth; and Jason Gruber, twelfth.

Mr. Bill Blosser, guys' cross country coach, said the team has been

doing really "great."

Last Saturday the guys' team competed in the Manchester Invitational and the freshman team took over sixth place conquering over thirty other teams in the freshmen-sophomore division.

The girls' team record is 0-10 but they soon hope to change that by running their hardest and their best during their practices.

The guys' team record is 3-1 and they hope to "keep up the good job."

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Band goes to state competition for 19th consecutive year

ERIN MCATEE
News Editor

Last weekend the Marching Redskins traveled to Carmel, Indiana to compete against 15 other bands for a spot in the state competition line-up.

This contest was very important because it was the deciding factor in whether or not the band would go on to the next level of competition.

With a score of 80.55, the band placed 5th making them eligible to go to the state competition at the RCA Dome next weekend.

Mr. Ed King, band director, feels that it is wonderful to be going on. "Every year the competition gets tougher and tougher. In order to go on, your work has to get better and better."

In order to be better than they have been in previous years, the band began their season earlier this summer.

They also had two weeks of band camp rather than one as in previ-

ous years.

The band has gone to the state contest for the last 19 years. Mr. King feels that it is an honor to be a part of the state's top ten bands again.

The band members are also excited about going to state. "At the end of the show when we said 'huh' and brought down our horns, I knew we were going to state," said senior Jay Freimuth.

Senior color guard captain Erin Riley said, "After our performance, I had a deep sensation that state was ours. It's nice to know that our many strenuous hours of hard work paid off."

Heather Steffen, senior, added, "We were so engrossed in our show and making it to state that we didn't even notice the rain. It was so exhilarating!"

The band will be performing on October 22. Class A (the class which North Side is part of) will start at 7:22 p.m.



THE BAND PRACTICES marching at Northside Park. The group will compete at the state competition in Indianapolis on October 27. Photo by Chrissy Francies

Time capsule buries the present

JAMIE FORD
News Staff

Many students have recently had the chance to give their opinions on how they think Fort Wayne will be in 100 years.

These questions and others were asked to help get an idea for a time capsule that will be buried at the end of this month.

A time capsule is a container holding historical records or other objects representative of current culture for preservation until discovery at a future date.

Michelle Ladd, junior, said, "I would put clothes in the time capsule so that in the future, people will know our fashions."

"I would put a yearbook in

the time capsule to give people an idea of school, clothes, and people," said Mike Marks, junior.

The capsule will contain a video, among other things, that will give future viewers an idea of what Fort Wayne was like.

In 1948, Mr. Terry Doren, photographer, was doing an article for a nationwide magazine, *Look*. The article was about Fort Wayne being the most livable city. He spotted four girls sitting on the riverbank talking and eating lunch. He started taking pictures of the girls and the cover of *Look* became the four girls on the riverbank.

After 46 years, Mr. Doren came back to North to talk to Mr. Ron Flickinger, guidance counselor, to get six 1994 graduates, which included Teresa Bauer, Katie Bruening, Julianne Campbell, Beth Kroells, Rachel

Polubinsky, and Tracey Wilkinson, to recreate that scene.

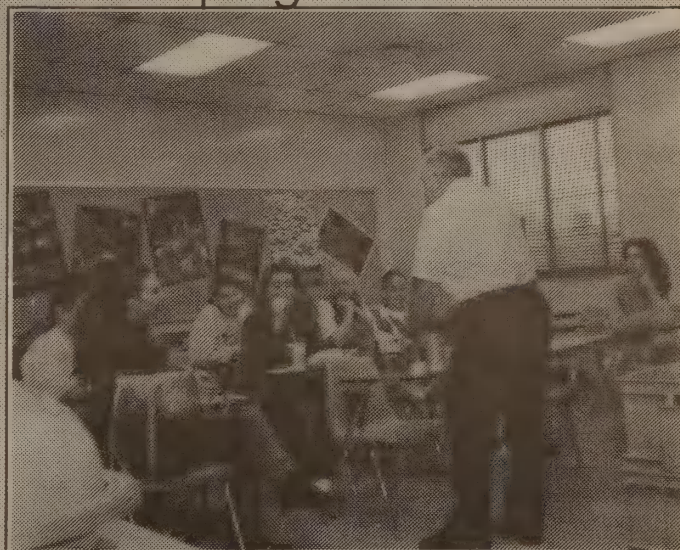
Mr. Doren had contacted the women from 1948 and they agreed to talk on the riverbank with the new generation of girls.

"I think that it was really neat of Mr. Doren to look for a kid's perspective rather than an adult's conception," said Mr. Flickinger. "It says a lot for North Side students."

"I think it really depends on what's in the time capsule," said Mike Marks. "I mean if it's an eight track tape then forget it, but if it's a newspaper or something like that then it's cool."

The video will be presented on Monday, October 17, at the Allen County Public Library at 8 p.m. It will also air on the Cable Access Channel 10.

A helping hand



STUDENTS WANTING TO help with the Kids Surviving Cancer Christmas party showed up at the meeting Wednesday. Photo by Richard Ning

Name in brick leaves permanent memory at North

AISHA JONES
News Reporter

All Redskins might want to consider installing a permanent memory in a walkway brick.

For fifty dollars an individual name or family name may be permanently placed on a walkway soon to be built here at North Side.

North Side is currently involved in expanding the school's class-

room sizes and adding additional space for a number of current programs. Also, North Side has needs concerning with the English lab, Science department, the Industrial Technology area, and the Art Department.

These expenses reach well over \$400,000. Yet, that money is a must in order to meet all of the needs mentioned and to provide North Side with top rate technology and equipment.

This new addition being built to North Side will be connected to the school with a red brick walkway.

Those bricks are the bricks that will hold the names of people firmly devoted to supporting North Side's needs and will salute those who recognize North Side's greatness.

Dr. Richard Gardner, principal, suggested that everyone participate in making the school a stronger learning environment. He said, "These

bricks provide the opportunity to assure a strong permanent backbone for the school."

The school wants to eventually sell 5,000 bricks and to have the walkway completed by the fall of 1994.

Yet, in order for this to be successful, the need for support is firmly needed by anyone who wishes to be a supporter of the expansion of North Side.

By buying a brick, that sup-

port will be proven and will allow North Side to be recognized as the school that excels to excellence.

Anyone interested in purchasing a brick should contact some the Alumni Association.

Mr. Flickinger, guidance counselor, said that he is willing to convince anyone to buy a brick.

He said, "This is a really great project. Everyone needs to be involved."

Not the best years yet

When I was at work the other day I was talking to an older man, and he was telling me that I should be enjoying my life right now because these are the best years of my life. He went on and on about how fun they were and how care-free everything was.

I stopped and thought for a long time. Are these the best year's of my life? I am a senior now and have gone through the majority of my high school life.

I thought long and hard, and I hoped that they weren't. Isn't that a downer? Maybe back in his day they were the best years, but times have changed.

There are some good moments in school, don't get me wrong. The games and dances are all great. The parts that I am referring to are the ones that go on everyday.

Half of the time people just show up to socialize. Has anyone considered the fact that high school is just a popularity contest and that the only reason everyone gets up in the morning is to impress other people? It just seems like this whole time people haven't really been themselves. Everything is so superficial, and nobody really knows who their true friends are. I know that we are all going through a time in our lives when we are trying to find ourselves, but it's pathetic.

I was talking to a college student the other day who used to go to North, and he was telling me how different college was from high school. He said that people are themselves. They show up in sweats and in hats and are not fake at all. He went on and on about how it doesn't matter what you wear or whom you hang around with.

My point is that students make high school all about status and popularity, and it shouldn't be. Not enough people take high school seriously. Despite what many would like to believe, school is about learning, not how many friends you have, how many parties you go to, or who you hang out with. It may seem to matter now, but ten years down the line, will the person with the most friends and coolest clothes be more successful, or will it be the person with the education?

It's important to have fun, be young, and drink Pepsi, but high school, or any other school for that matter, shouldn't be based solely on these types of things.

I guess I wish that high school would be more like college. I think and hope that those are going to be the best years of my life, because these certainly haven't been. I am truly looking forward to those years much more than I am looking forward to remembering the ones gone by.

If only people could stop the gossiping, stop the games, and stop the insanity! Then, maybe after all of those things are gone, these really could be the best year's of our lives.



EDITORIAL

Danielle English
Editor-In-Chief

Society in question over quotes

Letter to the Editor:

"The trouble with trouble is that it usually starts out as fun."

This probably is the way the vandalism at Snider started. The things that concern me the most appeared in *The Northerner* last Friday. Three statements made by a student I would like to address:

1. I don't feel that it was really a bad thing. I wonder how this

person would feel if his or her car or home were sprayed by someone. I wonder if he or she would feel the same way.

2. We are just high school students. If in our society young adults do not know the difference between right and wrong, then our society is in trouble. Most people learn the difference between right and wrong at the age of three.

3. Things like that should be expected during homecoming week. Why? Homecoming is a week for

building spirit and pride within the North Side community, not for causing the destruction of opponents' property.

If the above-stated opinions are what most North Side students feel, then society is in bad shape.

Look at past civilizations that lost their sense of right and wrong. They were destroyed from within, not from without.

Dean A. Slavens
Teacher

Snider, writer hurt by vandalism

Letter to the Editor:

It probably comes as no surprise to many of you that I would respond to Erin McAtee's article entitled, "Spirit goes too far" in the October 7, 1994 issue of *The Northerner*.

First I feel I need to say that as a graduate of North Side I was disappointed that even a small group of our students would behave in such a manner. These vandals not only defiled themselves but also our motto for this year, responsibility, respect, and reliability.

So, I was shocked, no dumb-founded, that any of our students would say things like, (referring to the vandalism at Snider) "I don't feel it was really a bad thing," or "we are just high school students."

The real kicker was, "It was just some high school kids having some fun, we didn't really hurt anybody." That last quote sounds as if Erin was talking to one of the perpe-

trators.

My only response to these young people is to think about these scenarios. Your car is vandalized by someone spray painting. Gee, you didn't get hurt, so I guess your car being vandalized was a victimless crime, huh? Or maybe someone breaks in your car and steals your CD player or cassette player? Oh well, it was probably just some high school students, they do those kinds of things. You should have expected it.

My point being is that just because no one was hurt physically from the vandalism at Snider or in my scenarios, that this type of behavior should be shrugged off as acceptable just because it was done by a certain age group of people. Nor should the vandals hide behind the guise of Homecoming excitement as an excuse for their behavior.

People were hurt by these vandals. I'm sure that there were some students and staff at Snider

who's feelings were hurt that someone would vandalize their school. If your parents own their home, then they too were hurt. A little bit more of their property taxes will help pay for the clean up of Snider. And if you work, your county option income tax is paying for the officers who are investigating this crime. And make no mistake, this was a crime and it will not be forgotten until the responsible parties are found.

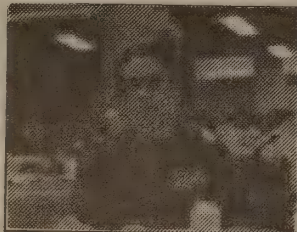
In closing, I would like to say that I too was hurt by this act of vandalism.

Three days a week, five hours a day, I look at all of you. The good students, the not so good students, the jocks, the grungeheads, all of you. I try to see the good in each and every one of you. Now I have to wonder if I'm talking or saying hello to a vandal. It's the doubt that hurts.

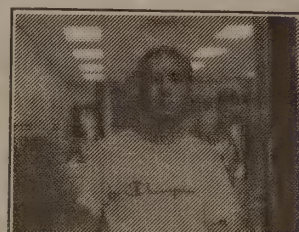
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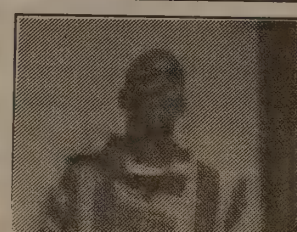
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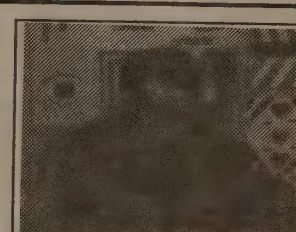
Adam Harris, senior
"Yes, being with my friends and partying."



Ben Reed, junior
"I don't know yet."



Tyrone Woods, senior
"No, because everything we do is wrong."



Chad Smith, junior
"No!"



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B-106 radio personalities revealed

DANIELLE ENGLISH

Editor-In-Chief

While sitting in a booth at Bandido's I realized that I had never laughed so much or so hard before.

The morning crew at B-106 is always engaged in laughter. The crew consists of Phlash Phleps and Trip. Phlash, who is 28, was described by Trip as being a kid, "He goes to a batting cage for hours and rides roller coasters 14 times."

Phlash says that he is a skinny guy with a bad attitude. He went into detail by saying that he wasn't really himself outside of the station. "I'm just comfortable in front of the mic more so than I am talking to people outside of the station. A lot of the time when people come up to me they don't believe that I am him because I'm not crazy like I am on the air," Phelps said.

Phelps described Trip, who is 24, as being a blast to be around after he's had a few drinks. "I hate the smoke though!"

Phelps got into radio because of an experience that happened in middle school. He was at a dance and all of his friends knew the songs and he didn't. He started getting to know the billboard charts and listening to the radio all of the time. He won a contest and he said he liked the fact that he was talking to people over the air. "I had a love for it so I went for it," Phelps said.

Trip got into radio for a different reason. "I lost my first love." Trip was in a band called Desperate Remedies. He said that the band was an amazing experience. "When all of my friends were getting ready to go to school, I was already two months into my career. I got to go from place to place and party." The band broke up due to personal reasons. Trip said he would rather be in the band but he is comfortable now and when he's comfortable, he's afraid to change things. "Knowing what I know today, I wish I had the guts to go back into the music business and really kick some a—."

He did nothing for six months. "I liked to meet people, entertain, talk to people and my mom always told me I had a radio voice so I walked in the doors of the station and I saw what I could do. The next thing I knew I had a great job doing the morning show." He said that it turned out to be something that he rather liked. "I got to entertain, go out and party and meet people and mingle just like in the band."

"It was kind of a mishap that I am this far. A lot of people told me that I wouldn't be this far when I started. I knew that it would be something I could excel at though," he said.

Trip said that it was kind of a star-trip at times when people knew me. "It's kind of a rush," he added.

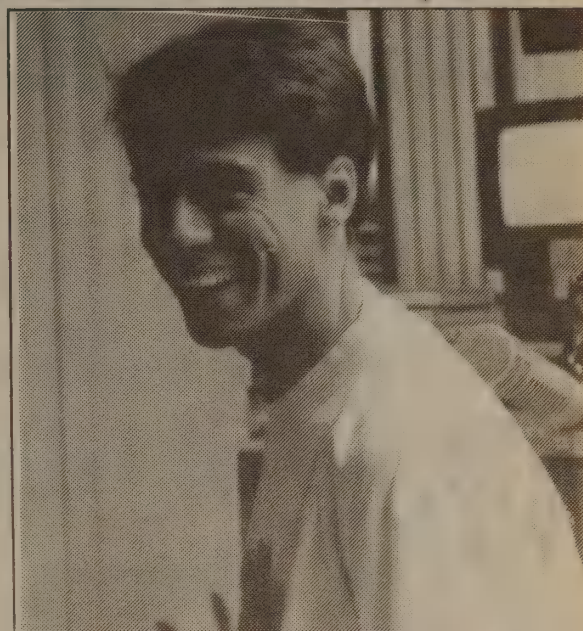
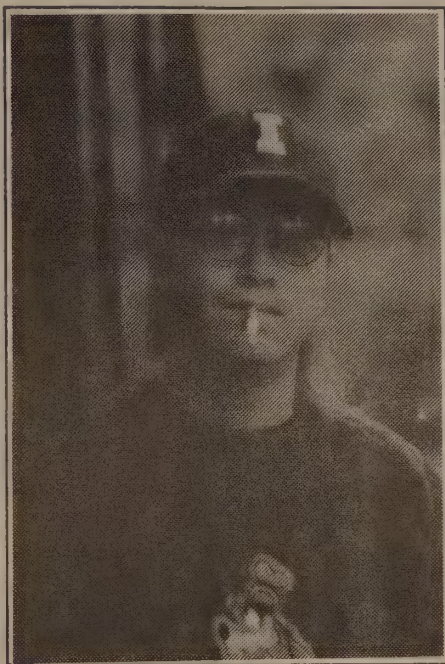
The guys said the station looked like WKRP. "The space in the studio is small but it is big in comparison to studios I've seen. We have a cool place with windows overlooking a grassy knoll," Trip said.

The guys do a lot of funny things on the air like "horriblescopes" and the "birthday police." They said that a lot of that stuff got started by tradition. "It was there when we got the show so we added a little bit of ourselves to it, elevated it to another level and that's what we do now," said Trip. The guys do a lot of strange stuff that other stations don't do. When was the last time Copa Cabana was on the top 40? "It's just a good song. First it started off as a joke, then we got the lyrics sheet one day and sang along to it. The next thing we know people are requesting it," Trip said.

A lot of really funny stories have accumulated over the year the team had been together. "One time Trip had to take a disabled woman to a designated area in the Coliseum and he lost her. He just left her there and then ran." Trip repeatedly said in his defense that no one would help him and no one told him where she was supposed to go. Another funny moment was when Trip was fooled for a whole show into believing that he had lost a bet. Just about every show has funny moments in it.

Phlash said that when he laughs he sounds like a hyena. "It is so funny to hear Phlash get going, it's contagious. When he gets going to a point tears are streaming out of his eyes, snot is rolling out of his nose and drool is on his chin. That a lot of times makes me laugh more than anything else does," Trip said.

Phlash got his name from a previous job. A person he worked with had an imaginary character named Flash. He was asked to be the character and since his name is Phelps he changed the spelling to Phlash. Trip was called Trip by a friend who couldn't pronounce his last name. He needed a



Top left: Trip smoking during a break in the show. **Top right:** Phlash relaxes between a break in the phone lines. **Bottom:** The Phunny Pharm in progress.



nickname for the air and that was the only one he could think of.

"We are giving this market something totally different, something wacky and outspoken. In our defense if you don't like it I say hey Fort Wayne lighten up," said Trip. Trip added that it was not their show that it was our show and if you like or disagree with something call in and they will put you on the air.

"I love music, I love what I play," said Phelps. There are a lot of people in the station that we just want fired. We'd be better without them, he added. "The morning show doesn't receive very much respect," said Phelps.

There will not be any changes in the Phunny Pharm soon if the guys have anything to do with it.

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FIGHTING FOR POSSESSION, North struggles to keep the puck in a face-off. Photo by Derek Rittenhouse.

Hockey improves record

DEREK RITTENHOUSE
Sports Reporter

The Redskin hockey club won a hard fought game Tuesday night 6-5.

The hard work of all the players paid off in the third period as each team exchanged goals. North jumped out to an early 2-0 lead just 7 minutes into the game.

Junior Wes Robb got the first goal with an assist by T.J. Wagner (Wagner goes to school at Carroll). North played a physical first period but they could not get the puck out of their own end and their passing was off.

Andy Long (from Bishop Dwenger) got an unassisted goal that put North up 2-0. New Haven scored their lone goal in the first period with a shot that slid underneath freshman goalie Jerid Nemergut. He had 2 saves in the period.

The Redskins got scared by the Bulldogs when New Haven had a three goal period. For North, Pete Neuman added a goal that put North behind by just one goal.

Wes Robb assisted on Pete's goal. Ryan Young tied up the game at 4-4 with a shot that went just past the big goal pads of New Haven's goalie Paul DeJarnett. Wes had his second assist on the night on Ryan's goal.

The third period was very exciting with New Haven taking the lead early in the period. North came back with a goal by Wes Robb that was assisted by Neuman and Wagner.

Wes kept working in front of the net and got the pass from Neuman and banged it home over the goalie's shoulder. Wes's goal made the score 5-5 with just under 10 minutes to play.

The winning goal came off the stick of senior Tom Konger.

He said, "I just kept working behind the net hoping something would happen and I got the pass from Snoop(Corey Endter) and I saw an opening that was just big enough and I decided I had to take the shot because time was running out and, I put it over the goalie's arm."

He added, "It's nice to score, but its even better to get the game winner."

Konger's goal was assisted by Corey Endter and it was a power play goal. Overall goalie Jerid Nemergut had 15 saves.

Senior Jason Lambert said, "I think we played well but we still got some loose ends to take care of. We started to get scared that we were going to lose our first game but the team stuck together and it came out all right."

Next Tuesday the Redskins(2-0) will play the Northrop Bruins(2-0) at 7:45.

Girls' soccer ends season in good spirits

CHRISTY MILLS
Sports Reporter

Even though they lost, the girls' soccer team played their "best game of the season" against Carrol last Wednesday.

"The team did very well. That game was the best eighty minutes of soccer[at their level] that I have ever seen," said Steve Heine, assistant coach.

"[It's] especially good since Carrol is tied with Luers for fourth state," he said.

At the beginning of the season the team always intended to look for Robin Kilgore, junior, to pass the ball to.

But by the end of the season, the girls had learned to look for other players to pass to because they play as a team, not a group just depending on Robin, Coach Heine said.

Robin is first team all SAC and the second leading scorer in the state. Beth Andorfer, junior, is the eighth leading scorer in the state.

Both players are the captains for the team.

"Several of the players played their best games," said Coach Heine.

"Amy Claypool [freshman] and Courtney Nardin [sophomore]

played a great game. Teri Geus[sophomore] played her best game and Erica Harber[sophomore] did a terrific job as goalie. She is coming back to the real Erica," said Coach Heine.

After the games the players sit down in a circle and analyze the game (share good and bad comments about the team with the team).

They usually say a lot of negative comments and few positive, but after that game they had all positive comments.

"We had better mental attitudes and played more as a team," stated Angie Shingleston, junior.

"We still need a little work on communication and transition, and on changing from offense to defense," stated Coach Heine.

Not only was this game their best game, but it was also their last game in the regular season.

Grace Voirol, sophomore, said, "I am sad because the was real short this year."

"We have learned to play as a team. I think one reason we did so well was because it was so cold," said Erica.

Next season the team hopes to improve their record and have more fans showing up at their games.

Running for their lives



MEMBERS OF THE men's cross country team take off for a long run.
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Canines sniffing school is future possibility

ERIN MCATEE
News Editor

The idea of having dogs sniff lockers and cars for drugs has recently been in the news but the concept is not at all new.

Over a year ago, John Weicker, security chief for Fort Wayne Community Schools, came up with a proposal to use drug-sniffing dogs in middle and high schools to eliminate drugs in the schools.

There was then a demonstration for the FWCS Board. After the demo, the idea was not mentioned again for a while. Soon the school board will be voting on this issue.

However, the final decision will be in the hands of the principal and the assistant principals.

Dr. Richard Gardner, principal, feels that it would be better for the students to tell each other that these types of things, drugs and weapons, don't have a place in North Side. If a student has one of these objects, he would prefer that another student sim-

ply tell them "I don't think that you should have that in school and I would like you to please take it out of here."

Some students don't have a problem with the dogs, while others say it's an invasion of their privacy. Dr. Gardner doesn't view it that way. Smells are not private property.

At the beginning of the year, students pay \$1 for their class dues. This fee has nothing to do with locker rental which is how some students view it; therefore, the dogs would not be invading their space. The lockers are property of the school.

Students are also confused about the process. The police would bring the dogs into the school. The principal would make an announcement that teachers are to close their doors and keep students in the rooms, and then the dogs would make their rounds.

The dogs will never come in contact with the students, but students should also be happy to know that the dogs do not attack. One of nine police dogs will then come in and sniff all

the lockers.

When a dog signals to a locker, that number will be written down. The students will be called down after the dogs have gone. The students will then be asked to open their locker. Once open, then the locker will be searched.

Some students are afraid that they will be falsely accused. Kevin Webber, police officer, was quoted in the October 14 issue of the *Journal Gazette* as saying "I'd say that they (the dogs) are 99 percent accurate."

According to "Schools use dogs as drug deterrent," an article in the October 16 issue of the *Journal Gazette*, the number of drug and alcohol incidents in Allen County involving juveniles grew 265 percent between 1982 and 1992, while violent acts grew 350 percent.

In fact, 40 students were arrested during the 1993-94 school year for having marijuana on school property or at a school event. Also, two students were arrested for possessing cocaine or crack and four more were

arrested for possessing drug paraphernalia.

Mr. Ron Flickinger, guidance counselor, said that he is opposed to what they say they are going to do.

He said, "I am not opposed to using dogs if there is probable cause and there is direct evidence that the safety and well being of the kids is there."

He continued, "Having someone come into the school and require that students stay in their rooms is police state mentality and has no place in the schools unless there is probable cause and there hasn't been any at North Side."

He added, "I think it's another indication of people in authority disrespecting young people because they're young."

Junior Delaney Taylor said, "I think it's unnecessary, but the schools are going to do what they feel is right whether it's for the better or worse. I think by doing this they're making the school better, but at 2:35 we're going to face the worst, which is everything

that has been shunned from the school. They can't keep us safe forever."

"I think they should keep the dogs in the dog pound because I pay a dollar at the beginning of the year to put what I want in my locker," states Michael Butler, senior

Freshman Christy Conway says it really doesn't bother her. "If it helps- yes, but I really didn't think the problem was that bad."

Angela Hartman, junior, doesn't think it will work well.

She said, "Everything is out of the lockers now and the day after the search, the drugs and weapons will return. The real problem isn't in the school anyway."

Weicker disagrees with that last statement.

He was quoted in the *Journal Gazette* as saying, "If our schools think they do, then we have the same problems in the schools that we have in Allen County."

Upon writing this article, the date for the vote hasn't been set.

Play mocks real life

JAMIE FORD
News Reporter

This year's fall play, "Take Her, She's Mine," is about a girl's teen life and her anticipation of college.

The play, written by Phoebe and Henry Ephron, takes place in the present in Southern California and New England. Mollie Michaelson, played by Laura Helmke, senior, is almost 18, intelligent, and enthusiastic with the air of a young, proper woman.

The story tells of the phases Mollie goes through with her parents, Frank and Anne Michaelson, played by Matt Arter and Shannon Klinkenberg, seniors, and all of her boyfriends.

"Mollie goes from being normal, to a sophisticated rebel, to a hippie

and then back to normal," commented Laura.

Besides the cast, there is the equally important stage crew who take care of props, manage the stage, do make-up, and curtains.

The cast and crew carry out all of their tasks after school from three to five o'clock every afternoon.

Laura said, "It's really easy for me to get into my character because we're alike. We are both in the same situation, I'll be going off to college soon too."

Laura also said that there aren't really any problems with rehearsals.

The play will run on November 17 and 18 at 7 p.m. The cost will be three dollars for students and four dollars for adults.

cancer and their families.

A meeting held recently brought more than 15 anxious students ready to give their all to the cause.

Mr. Schlatter, one of the head sponsors, says that when the project is completed it will have taken more than a hundred students to pull the whole thing off.

Boom boom boom go back to your room



OFFICER RANDY HOSFORD tells a student to turn down his system because it was causing the school windows to shake. Photo by Richard Ning.

Christmas party is spark to ease pain of families

AISHA JONES
News Reporter

Children surviving from cancer in North East Indiana are provided with hope from many Redskins.

Funds are being raised continuously for the help of these kids. The goal is to throw the 9th annual Christmas party for children surviving

The party will include many activities that will need the creativity of all departments in the school.

The Math department will be in charge of making games for the kids to play.

The music department will be held responsible for the music and any songs that might be song.

The woodworking depart-

ment plays a key role in providing the children with something that they can take home.

Yet, all departments need to pull together and work as a team for this to be a success.

Cups have been passed out to each classroom to offer students and teachers the chance to donate and help support the party. So far this has

proven to be a big success. In fact, Mr. Schlatter alone collected \$200 in a single day.

Mr. Schlatter believes that this a great way to give a helping hand to those who seem less fortunate.

He said, "You are helping people in need. Giving people a spark who are constantly anxious to relieve pain."

The 'Chain Gang' is harmless

Letter to the Editor:

We are writing because of the "No Chain Wallet" policy that has magically appeared at North Side this year. We think the school is taking unnecessary precautions by doing this. The wallet is used for the purpose of carrying money. Not to strangle a person passing by. The chains are there to ensure the wearer that no matter how great or small the amount of money they have. If the wallet falls out, it isn't going to go anywhere.

But unfortunately the school does not see it that way and considers it a weapon. We feel this is a petty excuse considering the fact that we are given forks in the cafeteria, no, not plastic forks, but metal forks. Of course, we are not given knives of any shape or size, but if you think about it, forks have four little prongs on them, and are more easily concealable than a chain

wallet, and can do a lot more damage.

The whole chain wallet concept came from the "biker-era". Bikers use to wear them because when they headed out on the highway they didn't have to worry about losing their cash out on the Interstate. Constantly we are lectured by school staff for wearing a possible weapon, and are told to tuck the chain in or take it off.

We are not going to take this lying down. None of us have ever even thought about using our chains to physically harm someone, and it's very upsetting to see, and hear that the school doesn't trust us and thinks that we would refuse to be falsely accused. We think this rule should be reconsidered. Maybe an agreement can be brought about. Until then, I think this is an injustice on the school's part!!!

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Micheal Ott
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Like it or not, the dogs may come

Whether everyone likes it or not, random searches of Fort Wayne Community Schools with police dogs could be in the very near future.

The school board will possibly vote Monday as to whether or not these searches will become a part of school procedure. Not everyone thinks that such action is in the best interests of the students, or the school itself, when in fact, it really is.

Although not considered a problem during the school day as far as usage and dealing are concerned, drugs do exist and are in the building on a daily basis.

Random searches would limit, or possibly eliminate drugs and guns from being here. A student would have no way of knowing when the search would take place.

Therefore they would not know when to leave their drugs and weapons at home. Even if it only keeps one person from bringing drugs to school, doesn't that complete at least part of the purpose?

The dogs used during these searches are trained to detect several kinds of smells including marijuana, hashish, cocaine, heroin, and the gunpowder in guns.

If a dog scratches at a locker indicating that it contains at least one of these things, the locker can then be searched.

Lockers are owned by the school, not the students who use them. For this reason, lockers can be searched without the permission of a student. This does not seem fair.

A student obviously cannot keep administrators, police, or whom ever from searching his or her locker as long as there is probable cause. However, a student should be present or at least aware of the fact that their personal belongings are being searched.

If the school board votes to allow random searches, the dogs will

also sniff cars in the school parking lot and possibly the ones located along North Side Drive, and the search of cars that park on streets in the surrounding neighborhood are also in question.

In Blackford County, this process has already begun. The first time it took place, the dogs got hits on

searched under any condition without probable cause. However, in the FWCS student-parent guide on page 10, letter d, says that "...bringing student-operated motor vehicle on school premises implies consent of the student driver, the owner of the motor vehicle and the parent or guardian of the student to allow search of that motor vehicle...."

Students who sign the slip at the end of the guide are agreeing to the statement, along with all others listed in it. So by signing this, students are essentially signing away their fourth amendment right.

Many believe that it isn't right to bring the dogs in because there isn't any probable cause to begin with. But the dogs sniffing around the school is not the same as searching a person's body or property. It is only when a dog indicates that something has been found that a locker can be searched.

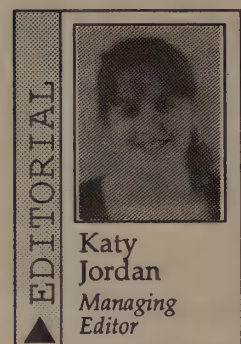
It has also been said that these searches won't do any good because students will bring the drugs and weapons back to school when the search is over and they know the police won't be bringing the dogs.

The problem with this is that nobody except Dr. Richard Gardner, principal, will know about the search beforehand, and he will only be notified a short time before it takes place.

Not everyone agrees with these searches, and some parts of the entire process are questionable and not understood.

One problem that could arise from this is that people may plan things in the cars and lockers of other students. Yet since nobody will know about the searches, the chance of someone being able to succeed at this is slim.

Either way, random searches are a definite possibility, and if the board approves it, it will be a long complicated process for anyone who tries to get it changed.



Katy Jordan
Managing Editor

three cars. In order to search the cars, search warrants had to be obtained. Whether or not warrants will have to be obtained at North and other Fort Wayne Community Schools is still being looked into.

Bringing police dogs into the school will not eliminate the fact that some students will buy, use, and deal drugs and also carry weapons. What it could do is eliminate these types of things from being in the school environment. One less person with drugs or guns in the school makes the school that much better, and in turn makes it a safer place to be for students, as well as for the faculty and staff.

Having random searches is a good idea. Unless someone has something to hide, what other reason would there be for being against it?

A lot of people think that random searches go against a person's fourth amendment right. This right basically says that a person's property or personal belongings cannot be

Off the Record...

"Should dogs be allowed in the schools to sniff out drugs and guns?"



Marlon Hughes, sophomore
"I don't think they should search any of our property at school."



Tony Bowman, senior
"Yes, because the dogs and the police have the same I.Q. so it doesn't matter"



Cory Wiebke, junior
"It's not my locker. I don't care."



Matt Carboni, senior
"I don't care because I have nothing to hide."



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Band reflects on past season, prepares for state

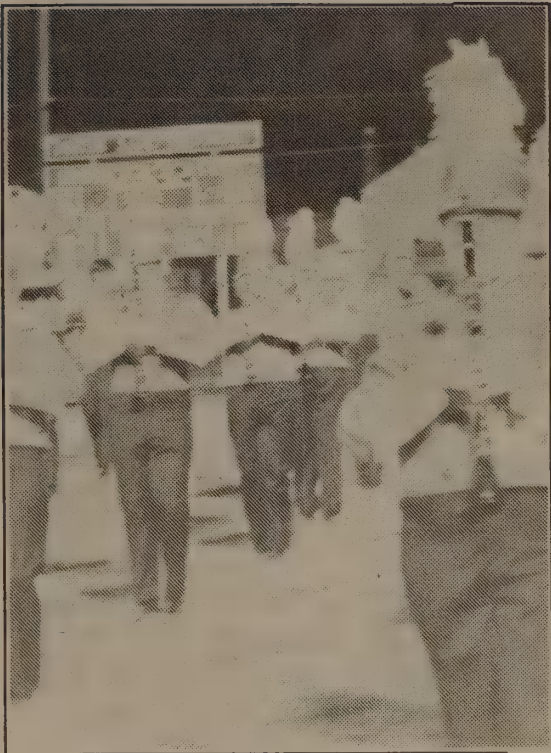
A DEDICATED SEASON

The Long Road to the Dome

- November, 1993: season began by picking the music for the 1994 marching season.
- June 21, 1994: band members practiced for the Three Rivers Parade and began learning new marching techniques.
- August 8-12 & August 15-19: two weeks of band camp at North Side Park from 9am to noon and 1pm to 4pm.
- August 29: school starts with practice every afternoon from 3 to 5 and Wednesday nights from 5:30 to 8:30.
- September 10: City Fest at Wayne High School with a score of 63.
- September 17: contest at Concord High School with a score of 66.
- September 24: contest at Penn High School with a score of 70.5.
- October 1: ISSMA District contest at Northrop earning a division one rating and a score of 77.3.
- October 8: ISSMA Regional contest at Carmel High School with a division one rating and a score of 80.5 and a chance to compete at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis.
- October 22: ISSMA State Contest

Memorable Moments

- "Sitting in the stands at Carmel for 2 and a half hours in the rain waiting to find out if I was going to march at the dome or not."
-Heather Steffen (12)
- "When we found out that we were going to state, I turned to look at the girls(drum majors) and they were standing there in the rain with their chins up and there mascara was running and I thought, 'Those are my girls!'"
-Matthew Arter(12)
- "I was so excited when they announced that North Side was going to State. I just sat there kind of shocked and then I got really excited."
-Jenny Study(11)



ARDUA HARRIS
AND
RITA MAGSAMEN
Features Editors

Band-ten-hut. Heel roll. Toes up. Dress-center-dress. Chin up. Keep in step. Mark time mark. Check in.

These are just a few of the numerous phrases that the members of the Marching Redskins have heard repeatedly during the past season. But as Johanna Thompson, senior, put it, "It was definitely worth it!"

She, along with the other members of the band, have worked long and hard hours to prepare for the state competition. Many sacrificed their free time and social lives in the process.

For many upper classmen, it was a difficult season. The old way of doing things was traded in for new marching techniques and new leadership with the addition of marching instructor, Ken Karlin. The seniors were able to pick up the new styles quickly.

"It was like I was a freshman all over again," said Rachelle Grismore, senior. "It took a while to get used to."

Yet, many had praise for the new instructor. Ben Meyer, senior, said, "He's the best thing to happen to this band since sliced bread."

With the state competition rapidly approaching, the atmosphere has been intense on the practice field, especially during the week of regionals, otherwise known as "Hell Week."

"Everyone was focused on the goal (to make it to State)," said Rachelle.

Jeff Niswonger, senior, said "If we continue to have good prac-

tices then we'll have a good show at the Dome." Some people are worried that the band will come in 8th place again for the 5th consecutive year. "We've gotten better by leaps and bounds, but the judges refuse to recognize us," Ben said.

He added, "I personally expect to get screwed again because of (the politics), but if there is a God, then He'll give us what we deserve--first place."

Travis Roth, senior, said, "At least we made it. If we work hard and still get 8th, big deal!"

The seniors were put in the position of mentors as section leaders for the underclassmen. They were in charge of initially teaching the freshman basic marching moves, making sure music was memorized, and giving the section some unity and leadership.

"It makes you feel like you have more control over what is going on, even though you get frustrated sometimes because you're pulling some people along," said Travis.

As the season draws to a close, and the seniors march their last show while the underclassmen begin to think about next year's show, one thought echoes through most of their minds.

Left: The band awaits the command to begin playing. Top right: Members spent hours at Northside Park practicing. Bottom right: The arrowettes lined up in their formation.



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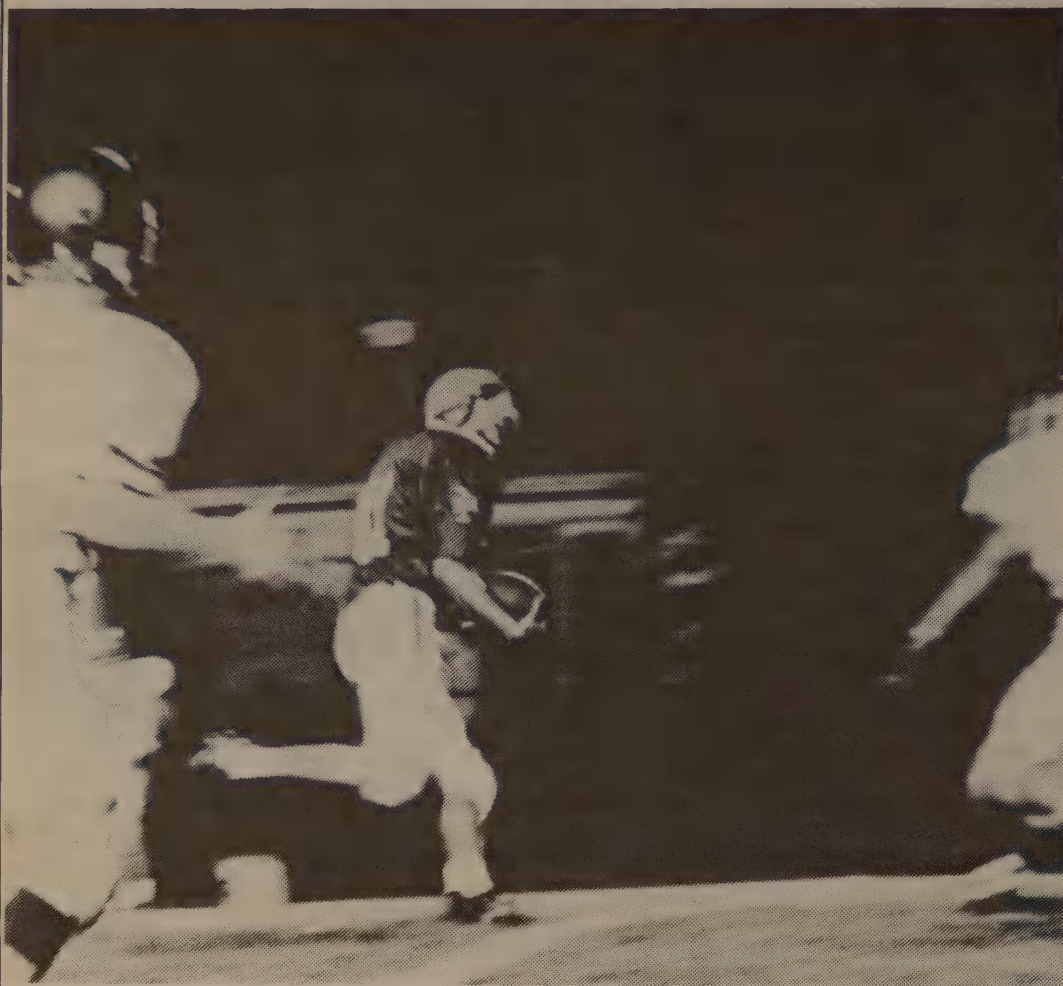
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Players need heart to take on Elkhart: in sectional tonight



JOE KAHN, SENIOR, runs with a pass during last Friday's game. Photo by Richard Ning.

DEREK RITTENHOUSE
Sports Reporter

Bishop Dwenger spoiled the last home game of the season with a 21-17 victory over the Redskins last Friday night.

Senior Dan Amos started off the North scoring in the second quarter with an 8 yard reception from quarterback Clifton Dickerson.

Bishop Dwenger counter-attacked with two touchdown passes in the third quarter by sophomore quarterback Jon Rinehart.

The fourth quarter started with a 68 yard touchdown pass from Bishop Dwenger. That made the score 21-7.

The Redskins had a short-

lived comeback when senior Joe Kahn caught a 24 yard pass from Dickerson to make the score 21-14. Russ Gusching finished off the scoring for North with a 33 yard field goal.

The first round of the sectionals start tonight with North taking on Elkhart Memorial at Elkhart at 7:30. "This is what we play the whole season for, the guys have to play with a lot of heart against Elkhart", said Coach Doerffler.

If North wins tonight they will take on the winner of Homestead and Elkhart Central. The athletic office is offering a fan bus to Elkhart. The cost is five dollars and that includes the ticket to the game and the bus ride up to Elkhart.

RUSHING:

Javon Martin-94 attempts, 504 yards, 5.4 average.

PASSING:

Clifton Dickerson-70 completions, 149 attempts, 869 yards, 8 touchdowns, 10 interceptions.

RECEIVING:

Dan Amos-28 receptions, 295 yards.
Joe Kahn-17 receptions, 349 yards

SCORING:

Russ Gusching-31 points
Clifton Dickerson-20 points
Joe Kahn-20 points

TOTAL TACKLES-

Pete Smith-69
Darryl Trotter-65
Chris Turney-45
Starsky Thomas-44

SACKS:

Starsky Thomas-5
Frank Weaver-5

INTERCEPTIONS-

Darryl Trotter-2
Donte Dixon-2

This is a list of stats the football team has accumulated over their season compiled by Coach Doerffler.

Swimmers stroking into sectionals

CHRISTY MILLS
Sports Reporter

Displaying their best team efforts, the girls' swimming team was defeated by Angola, last Thursday.

Coach Caywood thinks that the team was satisfied with the outcome of the meet even though they were defeated. Most of the swimmers maintained their original times; however, a few improved theirs. "Darla Parrish [freshman] improved her 500 yard freestyle (twenty lengths) by 23 seconds, which is almost impossible to do," said Coach Caywood.

Darla said, "Some of us were bummed because we worked harder in practice than usual. We also felt that the points could have been closer."

Coach Caywood mentioned that the team has improved immensely from the beginning of the season. "We have been doing much better since the starting season. We have taken many seconds off our times," said Mandy Ryan, sophomore, and her sister, Marci

Ryan, senior, agreed that they have improved a lot.

Marci is the captain of the team. Being a captain means that she can't complain, she said. "Even if we are all dying because we are so tired, I still can't complain."

Even though the work has been demanding, the team feels they have accomplished a lot since the beginning of the season, said Marci.

"You can tell how much we have improved by just watching us. We actually know what we are doing

now," said Darla. The next few practices for the team will be very hard in order to get them ready for sectionals.

"We have a small team and many new swimmers so we just have to do the best we can in sectionals," said Coach Caywood. She added that the team competed in SAC October 8 and did really well considering they swam against the fourth ranked team in state said Coach Caywood.

The team competes in sectionals October 27 and 30 at Warsaw High School.

Lunch Specials

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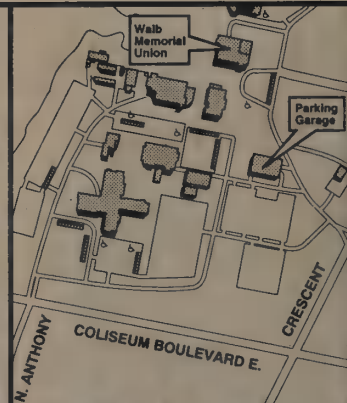
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Woods come alive with safe trick or treating party

AISHA JONES
News Reporter

Students may want to consider sharing a little Halloween spook with a younger brother or sister.

North Side is offering its annual Halloween party as a safe alternative to trick-or-treating.

A lot of time and effort has gone into making this party as fun, safe, and entertaining as possible. Prizes will include candy, cakes, toys, and other small gifts.

The Halloween party has been an annual event for the past 19 years with several hundred students attending.

Another special event is the pumpkin carve. Students picked out their own pumpkins, carved them and they were then donated to the area nursing homes.

The advanced drama department will be performing two mini plays that will be shown twice between 5:30 and 7:30 on Halloween night.

"Test for a Witch" and "A Halloween to Remember" are the two plays which were chosen to be per-

formed for the kids. Each play consist of a little Halloween humor and, of course, no play would be complete without the witches and goblins. The play productions are free of charge.

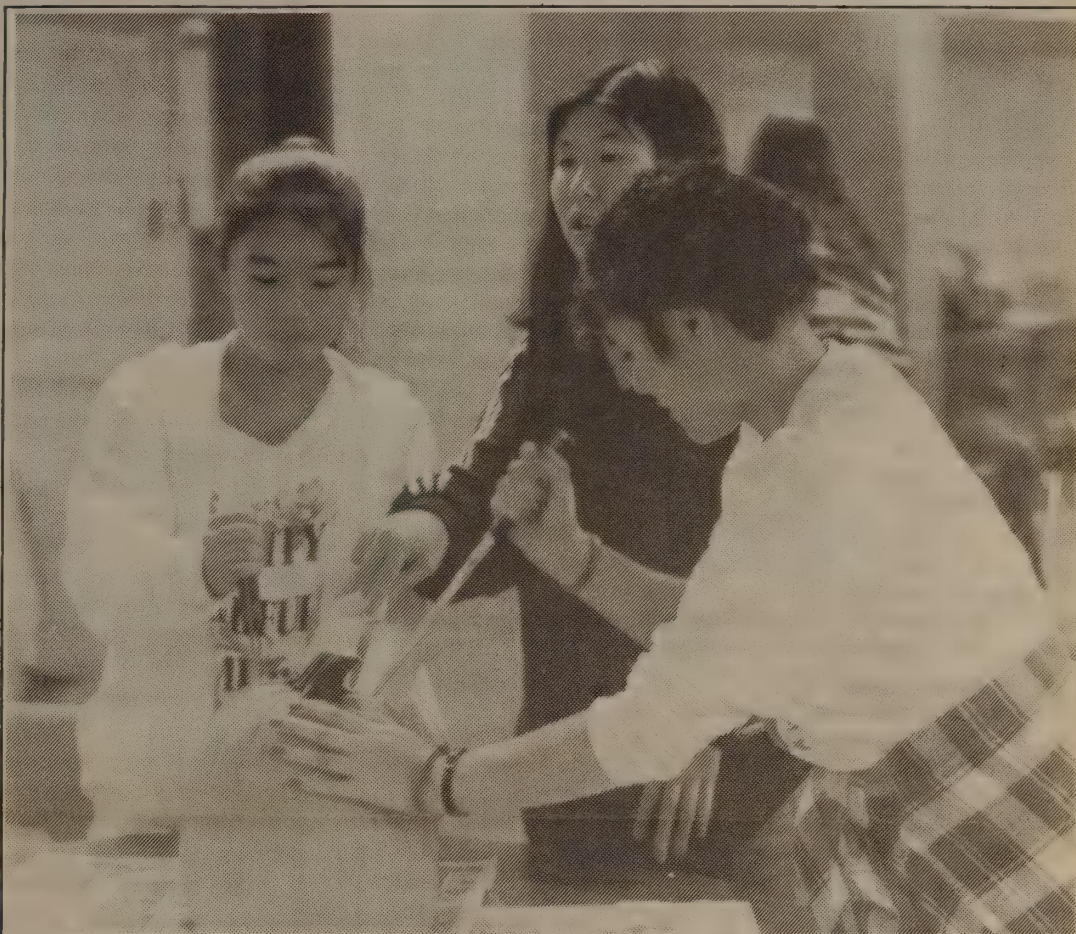
The Haunted Forest will have people screaming for sure according to Mr. Knudson, science teacher. The Science Department has been working on the Haunted Forest for several weeks now and is hoping to create the science nature area into the spookiest place ever.

Upon arriving at the nature area, located directly across from the school, people will follow a trail that will wind down by the bridge and back towards North Side.

The trail will be covered with mischeivous goblins, evil witches, and lurking vampires.

The Science Department will also include a personal tour for all members of the Allen County Cancer Society.

Those invitees should be waiting promptly in front of the school at 7:00. Mrs. Taliaferro wants to remind all participants to wear costumes and have a great time.



A GROUP OF students carve pumpkins for area nursing homes. Photo by Jason Tearman.

8th place curse broken



THE MARCHING REDSKINS have finally broken the four-year curse of 8th place.

The band placed 7th with a score of 85.45 when they traveled to the RCA Dome in Indianapolis for the ISSMA state band competition.

"It was great! When they announced Carmel (High School) in 8th place, the North Side fans went wild. It didn't even bother us that we only moved up one place. We were there, and we weren't in 8th place anymore," said Jenny Watts, sophomore. Photo by Richard Ning

Student directory helps students

ERIN MCATEE
News Editor

Students will soon be able to get in touch with each other with the help of a student directory.

North Side has had this phone book in the past, and it has been helpful.

Marcus Weemes, senior,

said, "People need to be in touch with each other. This will be useful for students when doing their homework. If they don't have their assignment, they can call someone in their class and get the assignment."

The directory will be for sale in about a week and a half for \$1.50. Students will be able to buy them before school and during all lunch

mods. The directory has yet to be named and it doesn't have a cover. There will be a contest for a cover design.

The entries need to be turned into the principal's office by the entry deadline which is Wednesday, November 2. The prize for the winner has not yet been determined.

Science department gets new computers

JAMIE FORD
News Reporter

This year the science department received 16 new computers to add to those which were already in the lab.

The department went through a lengthy process to get the high tech computers equipped with state-of-the-art CD-ROM and Probeware.

The CD-ROMs were purchased so that Biology students could review cells and do away with the use

of animals for dissection. This not only saves animals, but also helps out students who don't like to dissect.

"This will help save the animals and hopefully cut down on the money spent in the science department," said Mr. Mark Tipple, science department head.

The Probeware will be used in Physics to help get an accurate, instant read-out of labs and experiments dealing with temperature. The Probeware package also came with eight lap top computers.

The computers can also be used for chemistry students to broaden the field. These computers, which are located in the 220 hall, will be shared with the social studies department.

"I like the computers because the labs are repeatable, it increases reasoning skills, and it limits the use of consumable items," Mr. Tipple said.

He added, "I'm glad we're getting modern technology to students."

The department also received Laser Discs which perform hazardous experiments with safety.

Insanity labeling not realistic

Psychiatrists say that a compulsion for symmetry is a sign of insanity.

Well, then . . . call me a madman.

It began when I was quite young with M&M's. As I ate them, I had to make sure that each side of my mouth got to chew the same amount of candy. Also, both sides had to have the same amount of each color, or the other side would feel cheated. Or so I perceived.

Throughout the years, the magnitude of such symmetry increased to the point where if I scratched my right hand, I had to scratch my left, even though it didn't itch. If I cracked a knuckle on one hand, the corresponding knuckle had to be come inexplicably I couldn't crack that

At first I this trying matter, through casual con-

others were plagued At about these instances of became dramati-

Does this more sane the fur-hood behind? Does dren are insane?

But what is generally happier we all be better off mad?

In grade school I remember doing these butterfly paintings in art class by painting half a butterfly on one side of paper and then folding it in half to imprint the image. Were my teachers knowingly supporting a pattern of symmetry upon our open minds?

I don't think so. I think that they saw how much the children enjoyed the project, so continued to do it for our benefit. But why did we enjoy it so much?

Another interesting fact is that Rorschach ink blots that are used by psychiatrists to help determine sanity are perfectly symmetrical!

Look around you and you will notice that a lot of things created by man are symmetrical. In fact, human beings themselves are symmetrical. The Earth resembles the only equally symmetrical shape-the sphere.

Even atoms are symmetrical.

So is my compulsion to chew M&M's evenly a sign of universal equality?

All the mental and physical connections between symmetry and reality are too numerous to list here, but they are all striking obvious and simple to understand.

Having recognized this universal link, what should we do with this knowledge? Who knows. Maybe Freud. Or Jung.

But until then, my little chocolate covered friends and I will enjoy a happy existence-of symmetry.

Guest Column



Lucas Perkins
Features Reporter

cracked. I would be depressed for hours if alternate knuckle. thought I was alone in but I soon found version that many by the same problem. the age of twelve, symmetrical exicency cally less frequent. mean that you become ther you leave child- this imply that chil-

sanity? Children are than adults, so would

Ghosts do exist; just believe in them

John and his grandfather were sitting around the campfire. Grandpa was telling a ghost story about a young boy being chased by a fiery apparition. Johnny didn't know whether or not to take the story to heart. He asked himself if ghosts really existed.

A lot of people ask themselves this same question. Everyone has heard tales of ghosts, goblins, specters and witches before, and no doubt have seen a movie about some crazy specter (I know we've all seen *Poltergeist* and *Ghostbusters*!).

Whether you were playing Bloody Mary in the bathroom with your friends or reading one of those Time Life books, you were tapping into the realm of the supernatural.

With the popularity of all of these things the public's curiosity in the supernatural has been shown.

I was in my Creative Writing class the other week, and the issue of ghosts came up. Instantly there were several stories being told, and the whole class was captivated by the entertainment. We spent all period telling these ghostly tales. The thing is, each teller truly believes their story and would stick by it.

Do these stories have some baintment? These stories cannot be proven, truth. What does this make the stories? stories? Was it a figment of someones cannot explain just yet? People are often the unknown realm out there for fear of

There are obviously tons of puzzle researchers even today.

It is easy to scoff at some reports that if it cannot be proven with solid Zero plus zero always equals zero, a practice a religion because those beliefs

The problem is that people won't plain. Maybe that is why some people We can't explain how we felt when we is in your room in the middle of the night. The mystery makes it so exciting, but it doesn't mean that it is a fallacy.

Supernatural existence must have provoked some people because there are several research groups looking into every supernatural experience and documenting it trying to find out all of the answers to the questions. As far back as 1882 a professor named Frederic Meyers of England started a group called Society for Physical Research in order to investigate apparitional experiences.

This guy must have thought that there was a reason for him to quit his job to go chase after ghosts and try to prove that they were real to all.

So many people doubt the fact that the supernatural exists. That makes me wonder why. There are so many things in this universe that are unexplainable, but that doesn't make them false.

Society has become so vindictive. We want proof, and we want it now. Why can't we just believe to believe? Society has become calloused to the unproven. What ever happened to faith? The majority of our society has faith in an unproven God.

Why is there always doubt lingering in the back of our head? There comes a point when we must just believe in it.

The bottom line is that whatever a ghost may be it is probably the most complex creature in nature and someday we are going to understand what they are and why they are here, then all of the unbelievers will be stunned.

EDITORIAL



Danielle English
Editor-In-Chief

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believe in anything they can't ex-are so interested in the supernatural. went into a house or what that figure

Off the Record...

"Do you believe in ghosts?"



Kim Lamb, senior
"Yes I do."



Michelle Lyda, senior
"Yes, I am one."



Josh Anderson, senior
"Yep, I won't be happy until I kill again."



Melissa Palmer, senior
"The thought of a metaphysical manifestaion of that magnitude is intruiging indeed."



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Halloween originates from Celtic tradition

LUCAS PERKINS
Features Reporter

The true origins of the upcoming holiday Halloween aren't generally known.

Halloween, or Allhallows Eve, actually began centuries ago in the Celtic (pronounced KEL-TIK) religion of the northern British Isles.

Samhain, a time consisting of the night of October 31 and the day of November 1, was to the Celtic people a marking of the beginning of winter and the first day of the New Year.

This crucial time in the Celtic year was celebrated with a huge feast, and was considered a strange and mystical rite of passage into the oncoming year.

Celtic festivals and celebrations stressed seasonal transitions, so along with Samhain was Beltane, Samhain's summer equivalent.

Together, these times divided the year.

Along with the feast of Samhain came the belief that this time was when the physical and spiritual worlds were the nearest to each

other.

Supernatural forces were said to occur as during no other time of the year.

Souls were thought to visit earth, this was believed to be the prime time for people to communicate with gods and supernatural creatures.

Deities who were thought to control the fertility of the land were appeased with sacrifices of animals, crops, and human beings upon huge pyres.

Samhain was not meant to honor any specific deity, but instead the whole host of supernatural creatures thought to roam the planet.

This time was thought to be the best for receiving divination of one's future, and many methods were used to try and acquire this knowledge.

With the christianization of Great Britain, the church attempted to water down the older pagan beliefs, but Samhain remained a popular festival throughout.

The Feast of All Saints, commemorating all the known and unknown Christian saints, replaced Samhain, just as Allhallows Eve replaced the eve of the Celtic festival.

The customs of Samhain survived. Most of the Celtic religious significance was lost with Allhallows Eve, but many of the traditional ideas were still observed on the evening.

Adults began to dress in costumes and go door to door in the village looking for tributes of food and drink.

Bats, owls, and other nocturnal creatures believed to have some connection to spirits continued to be feared.

Halloween was observed in the northern areas of Britain only; Ireland, Scotland, Wales. Guy Fawkes Day on November 5 gained all the attributes of Halloween in southern or non-Celtic England.

The massive migration of Irish immigrants to the United States during the potato famine of 1845-46 brought the full observance of the holiday to America, although some beliefs were brought earlier with Scottish and Irish settlers.

The practice of children dressing in costumes and collecting candy is associated with the important and influential Celtic holiday.

Legends, myths of Devil's Hollow

AARON MARTZ
Features Reporter

Devil's Hollow, once a scary stretch of road where frightening things would happen, is now just another road among thousands in the city.

Located three miles from Covington, Devil's Hollow is now a beautiful housing addition where houses sell for as much as half a million dollars, but long ago it was a place people would only dare to go.

Back in the twenties and thirties the road was not paved as it is today. It wound freely up and down hills, through trees, down into swamps, and along creeks, without a streetlight along it.

Even today the road has no streetlights, and with the woods so dense and the road so winding, it is a frightening road to drive down at night.

The light from the moon cannot be seen on the road, and the air is often thick due to the altitude, and all around you as you drive there are only trees. Along the branching roads of the drive are the three story houses of its inhabitants, surrounded by patches of trees and the animals that live in them.

Down one particular road is an undeveloped section of the addition that goes downhill and ends in a circle near a swamp.

With trees all around, stretching up into the night sky, it is a devastating sight to see the swamp and thick patches of bushes stretching into the night, disappearing with the darkness.

This beautiful, foreboding land will be here forever, untouched and untarnished, its single road spreading fright among anyone that

travels along it. Its swamps and creeks crawling with its winding path have not a footprint in them, because they are untouched by man.

But down in the grass, in the bushes, just a dozen or so yards from a swamp, there was a sign saying that the land would no longer be ours, but would be for a single person to love or to hate for a price.

A road once untravelled, Devil's Hollow is now just a path through a woods where a paperboy travels to deliver the morning news.

HALLOWEEN HORROR FLICKS

1. Halloween
2. Nightmare on Elm Street
3. Rocky Horror Picture Show
4. Pet Semetary
5. Candyman
6. Friday the 13th
7. Texas Chainsaw Massacre
8. Night of the Living Dead
9. Carrie
10. The Exorcist

Preparing for Halloween is tricky task

JANA FARRELL
Guest Features Reporter

As the Halloween season quickly approaches, many are making plans.

Figuring out where the "hot spots" are going to be, if it is haunted castles, staying at home or somewhere else, isn't always easy

Many feel that they are too old to dress up, and maybe that is because the "adults" say they are too old.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

1. Don't knock little kids over.
2. Wear bright clothing.
3. Wear reflectors.
4. Go to houses with porch lights on.
5. Don't stay out too late.
6. Don't steal candy from little kids.
7. Always say "trick or treat."

"Even if you do dress up people say 'you're old'," said Kellie Dukes, junior.

Kelli Johnson, junior, plans on dressing up as a scarecrow so that she doesn't have to steal everyone else's candy.

Teana Jahn, junior, plans on dressing up as a black cat and handing out candy. "I have more fun handing [candy] out instead of going and getting it. Besides, I like seeing how happy the little kids get when they get candy."

Others are preparing to visit all the haunted hot spots in Ft. Wayne.

Marci Ryan, senior, said "I was hoping to win tickets to the B-106 VIP party at the Haunted Train Station. I went last year and it was so SCAAAAARY! It was better than the Haunted Castle."

Rachelle Parnin, junior, plans on going to Ohio to get scared. "I heard of this haunted prison or something in Ohio on the radio through friends, but I still plan on going to some in Ft. Wayne."

A lot of people are going to take their siblings or kin trick or treating, even though they aren't dressing

up. Kellie, like many others, said "I might take my niece trick or treating, then I'm going to eat her candy."

Rachelle is going to take her cousins, except she doesn't expect any candy from them.

No matter what will be done hopefully the scary night will prove to be a good one for everyone.

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Redskins rip Elkhart Memorial, take on Panthers tonight

DEREK RITTENHOUSE
Sports Reporter

North Side earned the right to play Snider tonight with a convincing 36-12 victory over Elkhart Memorial last Friday night.

"Our team played well against Elkhart. Offensively we are moving the ball as good as we have all year and Clifton is playing the best football he has all year.

The most important thing about sectionals is winning and then moving on to the next round," said Coach Dale Doerffler.

North started their scoring when senior Joe Kahn caught a 35 yard touchdown pass from Clifton Dickerson.

Dickerson connected with Kahn once again with a 60 yard touchdown pass to put North out front early 13-0.

Kahn broke a school record with 185 yards receiving. Senior Russ Gusching finished out the half with a 25 yard field goal for a 16-0 North lead.

Elkhart Memorial started off their scoring in the second half with an 80 yard kick return. They attempted the 2-point conversion but the Redskin

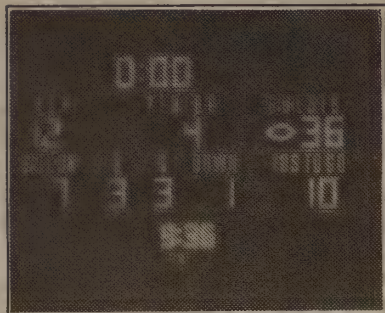
defense stopped them in their tracks.

North had a 30 point third quarter with freshman Jason Chambers scoring on a 1 yard touchdown run.

Senior Dan Amos also added 2 touchdowns to give North a 36-6 lead

going into the fourth quarter.

Elkhart got on the board with a 1 yard touchdown run. They went for the 2-point conversion but did not get it for the second time in



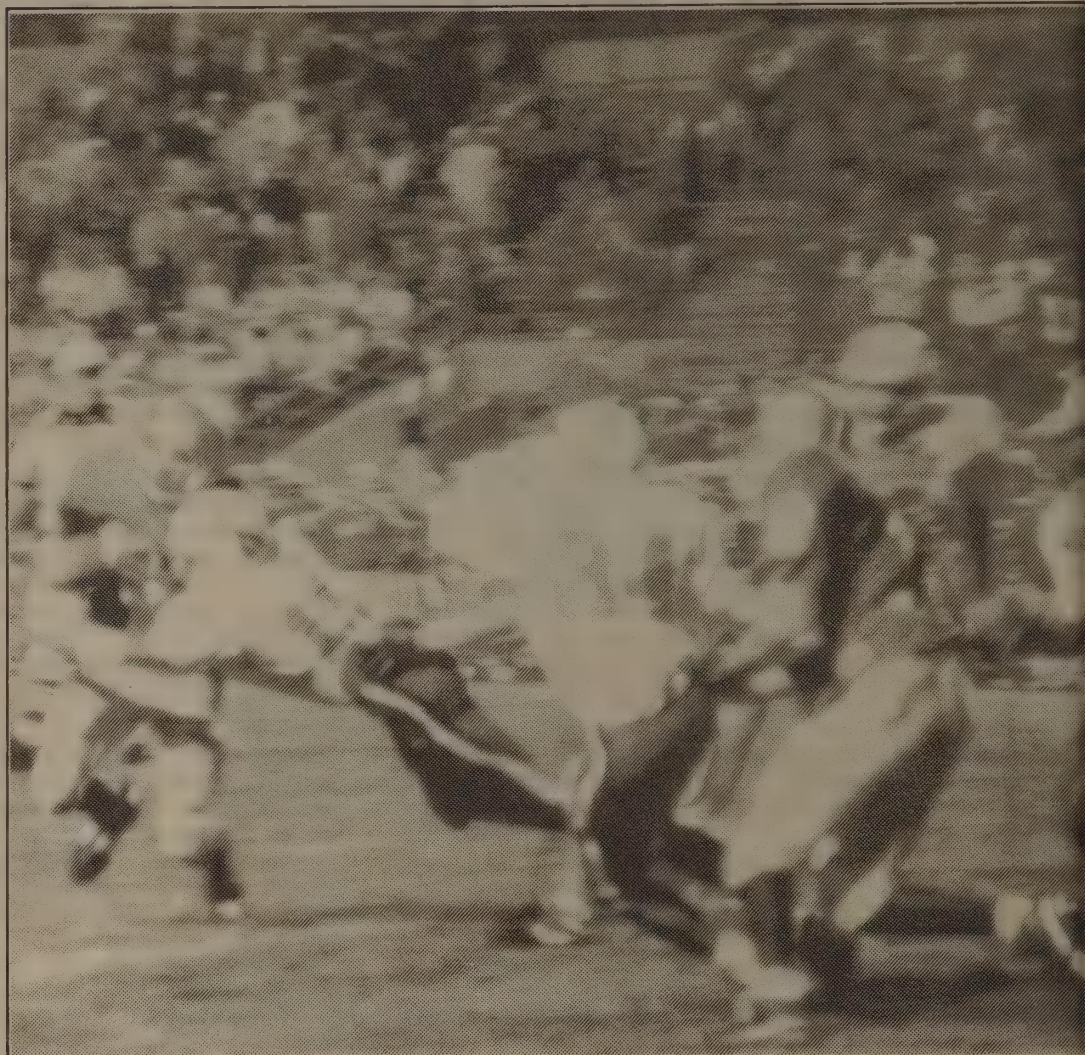
the game.

Tonight North will play Snider at home at 7:30.

Tickets for tonight's game are \$4 and season tickets can't be used. The last time North played Snider North lost 31-7.

"I thought we played well against them in the first half. Our football team believes that they can play against them," Coach Doerffler said.

He continued, "From an offensive standpoint we have to control the ball. We are going to run right at them and we also have to control the clock. Defensively, Snider gives great keys. Our defensive personnel have to pick up on those keys and react to the ball" said Coach Doerffler.



PETE SMITH, JUNIOR, tackles an Elkhart player in the first round sectional game last Friday. Photo by Jason Tearman.

Volleyball loses sectional to Concordia

CHRISTY MILLS
Sports Reporter

The varsity volleyball team ended their season with 15 wins, 12 losses and better hopes for next season.

The team was defeated in sectionals last Thursday against Concordia. The final scores were 10-15 and 11-15.

Mr. Ry Taliaferro, head coach, said they played hard but their passes were poor. He said that the blocks were great and when the sets were there, they accomplished great attacks. Coach Taliaferro also mentioned that their serves were good as well as their intensity.

"In all aspects of the game our passes broke down which caused us to be unable to attack the ball. We kept giving the other team freeballs," said Coach Taliaferro.

"There was no doubt that we could have beaten them," Coach Taliaferro said.

Coach Taliaferro said that he has seen very much improvement from the beginning of the season.

"Our defense and

aggressiveness has expanded immensely."

The players were disappointed not only because they lost but also because this would be the last time most of them would play together as a team.

"The season ended too early, but the worst thing about it is losing the three seniors," said Chris Sutton, junior.

Stephanie Goes, sophomore agreed and added, "I will miss Sam [Walker] the most."

"I am very, very, sad that they are leaving. We will definitely feel their spirits missing next year,"

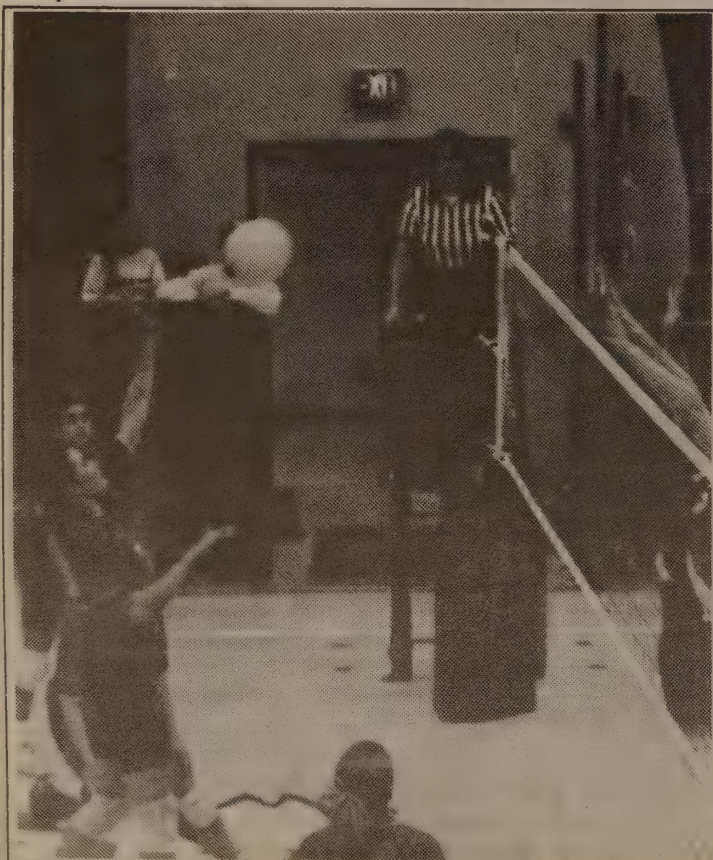
said Molly Alfeld, junior.

The three seniors consisted of Sam Walker, Alissa Schultz, and Angie Stinson.

Stephanie said that they were hoping to make it to the sectional finals but that was all right because they were really close as a team, which made it great.

The team gets together once or twice a week and goes to the movies or does something fun that they will all enjoy. That was one way they became close. Chris said that they still plan on going out and doing things.

"Overall in the season we did really well," said Molly.



CHRISTINA SUTTON, JUNIOR goes for a kill in the sectional game held last Thursday against Concordia. Photo by Richard Ning.

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Dance classes interact with Fort Wayne Ballet

JAMIE FORD
News Reporter

The advanced dance classes are currently involved in advanced ballet lessons with the Fort Wayne Ballet.

Mr. Michael Tevlin, director of the Fort Wayne Ballet, comes to North Side every Thursday during fifth and sixth period to instruct the classes. He teaches them the different forms of ballet dances.

Mrs. Bonnie Amburgey, dance teacher, has been involved with the Ballet since she moved to Fort Wayne.

In 1988, the Ballet and Mrs. Amburgey formed an alliance to share facilities and instructors.

This provides Mrs. Amburgey's classes with a wider range of dances, instructors, and facilities.

"I think that this is a great opportunity for the dancers. They have a chance to be instructed by someone else and they can learn new styles of dance at the same time," Mrs. Amburgey said.

She also commented that the style of dance may reflect the styles of the teacher. Which means someone could tell who choreographed the dances or who taught them.

Mrs. Amburgey would like to pursue the ballet and jazz programs next year.

"Although dancing is a lot of work," she said, "there is a lot of

opportunity for the dancers. For example, they get to usher at the opening night of the *Nutcracker* when the Philharmonic is there."

The dancers are expected to come to class without jewelry and they should wear the traditional black leotard and pink tights.

"When the girls wear leotards, they seem to dance better and with their hair back they do turns better. They don't have to worry about whether it's going to get in their face," said Mrs. Amburgey.

The dances taught this year by Mr. Tevlin will be incorporated into the dance show this spring, pep sessions, and at the basketball games at half time.

Trick or treat



ALICIA DUNKLEBERGER, SENIOR, paints a face at North Side's neighborhood Halloween party.

North Side students to help preserve Old Fort

ARDUA HARRIS
Features co-editor

North Side has put in a proposal to manage the Historic Fort.

The proposal, written by Mike Morris, English teacher, suggests that North Side take over the responsibility of the day to day operations of the Fort.

It says, "The Fort has always been a living history museum, but we (North Side) would add to this description "Living Education Museum."

North Side students and faculty members would be responsible for everything from maintenance of the building and grounds to portraying the characters of the early settlers and Native Americans.

Each department would have a specific duty. For example, students from the business department would handle accounting, advertising, marketing, scheduling, and other business matters, according to the proposal.

Mr. Morris believes this idea will greatly benefit the students.

"It will give the students a chance to apply what they're learning in the classroom to the real world," he said.

Each student at North would be required to spend at least one semester of their entire four years at the Fort.

It could possibly be called Fort History and Preservation Semester, according to the proposal.

This would be considered community service and would be something students could put on their

resume when applying for scholarships, awards, and college admissions.

Jennifer Brownfield, senior, is for North Side taking over the Fort. "It will give us a chance to save a piece of our heritage," she said. "No one else wants to do anything about it."

Brendan Thomason, senior and student council president, also supports the idea. "It could put North Side on the map," he said. He too said it would preserve Fort Wayne's history.

The proposal has been sent

in, but there has been no decision made yet. Mr. Morris said he wants to find out how much student interest there is for this project.

The next step in the campaign is petitions which will be circulated around the school.

Mr. Morris said the money to sustain the Fort would come from ticket sales, promotions, and grants.

Mr. Morris projects that the class of 1997 would be the first senior class this project will affect, if the proposal is accepted.

Tnuatron dance troupe to visit area schools

ERIN MCATEE
News Editor

Tnuatron, among the finest professional dance groups in Israel, will be coming to Fort Wayne as part of the Mid East/ West Fest, sponsored by The Fort Wayne Jewish Federation.

Tnuatron is a group made up of young women ages eight to 18. The students are trained in classical, modern, jazz, and Karate techniques.

They work five to seven days a week perfecting their dance techniques, all in addition to their regular school demands.

Over 20 years ago, Israeli Dorit Shimron, established Tnuatron in her native city of Ramat-Hasharon.

Shimron, director and choreographer, has dedicated her professional life to the development of Tnuatron, the dancers, and their individual choreographic style.

She studied at Wingate Institution with a degree in physical education.

She also studied choreography at the Tel-Aviv seminar Ha'Kibbutzim and the Jerusalem Dance Academy.

The producer, born in Kibbutz Afikim, is Itamar Gourvitch. He produces private, public, and national events. Further support of the dancers comes from parents, stage managers, and individual teachers.

Tnuatron has appeared on Israeli television and has a video archive consisting of recordings, documentaries, recitals, performances, and festival appearances overseas and in Israel.

They have performed nationwide in Israel, Denmark, Germany, Portugal, Switzerland, Netherlands, Finland, and Italy. Their performances in the Mid East/West Fest are apart of

their premiere American tour.

Tnuatron will be in Fort Wayne November 13-16. There will be one opportunity to watch the dancers perform. They will be at the Performing Arts Center on November 15, at 7:30p.m. Tickets will be on sale at \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

There will be a workshop for 66 area dancers on November 14. These dancers will work with Tnuatron and join them in there fianle for their evening performance.

As a way of exchanging cultures, members of the Tnuatron troupe will on November 15, be visiting with area schools. They will be meeting and talking to students who have studied about Israel.

This was made possible by large curriculum guides that have been provided to Fort Wayne, East Allen, and Southwest Allen School systems, in addition to the Canterbury School.



AN EXAMPLE OF Tnuatron preforming in body stockings.

Stop the mudslinging

It's here again.

It's election time and boy can you tell it. No matter what radio station you are on, where you're driving, or what show you're watching on TV, the candidates are always there throwing ideas down your throat. All of this would be fine and I would have no problem with them making themselves known, if only they were to do it in a positive way.

The majority of the candidates these days focus on their opposition in a negative way rather than focusing on themselves in a positive way. They downgrade their opponent in the hopes that you associate that name in a negative way and just vote for the opposing party. I don't understand why they can't just come out and say I am for this and I will and this is the position on which I they come out and say this and so they vote for them. my name is so me instead.

This called mudslinging and is known to be something bad, so why is it so popular among the politicians these days?

Now there are some good things that come out of all of this mudslinging. Some people, who are unaware voters, will know more about who they are voting for because of these commercials. I think it is important that the voters be aware of what the candidates have done in the past and what they might do in the future if elected. Couldn't this be done in a more tactful manner than downgrading your candidate when he or she isn't there to defend his or herself?

These ads are so ridiculous. All through this election I have yet to see an ad presented in a positive manner except for the woman running for state treasurer. That's probably because she couldn't find any dirt on her opponents. Why has all of the publicity gone to a negative pull? Is that how our society can only be reached these days, in a negative way?

In essence, stop the mudslinging. It's ridiculous. As a voter I would much rather hear why you should have the job rather than why your opponent shouldn't have the job.



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Danielle English
Editor-in-Chief

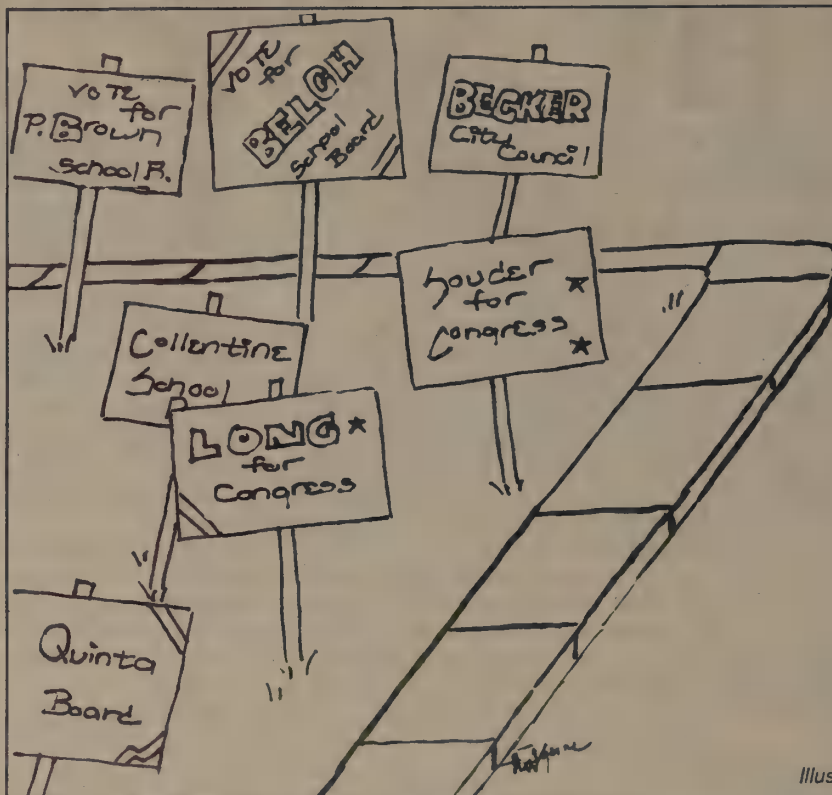


Illustration by Tyrone Woods

Student calls fans 'pukeheads'

Dear Editor,

How many home games did our football team win? How many away games did our football team win?

Every time our team took the field of another school they kicked the crap out of them. Every single game. Yet every home game we got the crap kicked out of us. On our own turf, our own field. Why is that?

It's not because our football team sucks. I personally think they're better than a few of our previous teams. I think it's the students at North Side. Yup, you people suck.

Let me explain why you people may have caused the death of a great team.

The crowd at every away game was there for the team and only the team. They were there to cheer

North on to a victory. They did a pretty good job of it too.

The crowd at every home game is mostly of students more interested in conversing with their fellow pukeheads than cheering on North Side.

I'll bet over half the students that went to the game last Friday can't remember (or even knew) who we played and what the score was.

There was a reason Chief Mac got his butt kicked last Friday by Snider's sissy panther. The chief is kind of a reflection of our pride in what we do and accomplish at North Side. You the fans let the Panthers walk all over us.

You supported the team at its height, but when things weren't looking so good for us you all backed off and pretended not to be a part of it.

Those of you that only cheered when we were doing well ought to have that pansy beat the poop out of you.

The students here (generally speaking) have no pride in North. The teams that represent North rely not only on skill but adrenaline.

If they're not hyped, there's no adrenaline rush. And if we, as a student body, aren't there to get the adrenaline pumping, we're only causing the death of a tradition of excellence and pride at North Side.

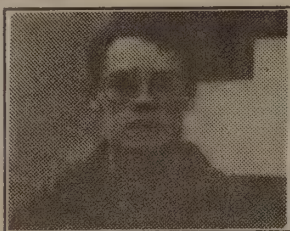
You pukers lost your chance with the football team. But wait, there's hope. Basketball season is coming up.

If you're going to the games, do it for the team, not the moron next to you. Don't let Chief Mac get creamed again.

Shannon Stineburg

Off the Record...

"What do you think of political mudslinging?"



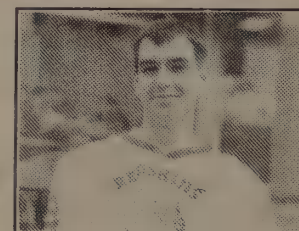
Dan Kiracofe, senior
"I think a candidate should be barred from running."



Matt Jones, sophomore
"This will help the voters recognize the candidates."



Jeremy Gerardot, sophomore
"I see no harm in it. Just as long as they take a shower before going into office."



Tony Torres, sophomore
"I like it because you can find out the truth about them."



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Swink proves motorcross racing is not just for guys

RITA MAGSAMEN
Features co-editor

Whoever said that dirt bike racing was a guy thing?

Summer Swink, junior, has been doing it since the age of 14. She started by watching her older brother at Motocross.

"When I watched him I told my dad that that was what I wanted to do," she said.

This sport runs in her family. Not only does she and her brother race, but her cousin and boyfriend do too.

Her father and uncle were also semi-pro when they were younger.

After finally getting her own bike and some practice, Summer had her first race in 1992.

"I used an old piece of junk and I finished dead last but I loved it!"

She practices anywhere she can. This includes the woods, practice racks, and her brother's back yard.

"He has a track behind his house. I even went as far as building a jump in my yard with a shovel. It took about a week to finish, but I don't

care just as long as I have someplace to practice," she said.

Summer works hard to achieve her main goal, which is to be a professional Motocross racer.

"I hope to encourage more women to get involved," she said.

"I hope to encourage more women to get involved. . . . It's possible for anyone if you practice."

-Summer Swink

"It's possible for anyone if you practice."

She has won more than 30 trophies and finished 5th in the state for class A division.

"When I was at the awards banquet, we (the top ten in the state) were all lined up on the stage. It was nerve racking because I was the only girl up there," she said.

Preparing for the next season will prove to be more of a challenge for Summer because she will move to the top class.

"It's bigger and faster, and the people in here are good enough to go pro," she said.

"I want to show everyone that girls could do it here too," she said. Her goal is to finish in the top five of this division.

Summer likes to watch professional racers for "good mental power." She also claims that her room is filled with posters of professionals.

"My mom will walk into my room and scream at my dad 'What happened to your daughter!'" she said.

Not only is she one of the few female racers in her division, Summer is also the only girl in her auto mechanics class downtown at the RVS station.

This way, if she does not make it professionally as a Motocross racer she then will have the skills to be a mechanic.

Either way she will be happy, she said.



SUMMER SWINK, JUNIOR, squares off the corner at motocross race. Summer is ranked fifth in the state. There are no other females in the top ten in the state of Indiana. Photo courtesy of ACTION PHOTO

King's *Insomnia* explores old age, the supernatural

AARON MARTZ
Features Reporter

Life is a wheel," Ralph Roberts, the main character of Stephen King's new supernatural thriller *Insomnia* thinks to himself.

"Sooner or later everything you thought you'd left behind comes round again. For good or ill, it comes round again."

This statement basically sums up King's gargantuan 787 page novel which explores the lives of the people (particularly the senior citizens) in the town of Derry, Maine, which was the setting for King's 1986 novel *It*.

The book begins with the death of Ralph Robert's wife from cancer and his adjustments to being alone and growing old (he is near 70) at the same time.

He also begins experiencing insomnia which wakes him up earlier and earlier each day.

He tries everything he can get his hands on from folk remedies such as eating honeycomb before going to bed, which he finds not all that effective, but good as a snack) to going to bed earlier, but nothing works.

He also starts seeing things and his neighbor down the road goes crazy. That and Susan Day, a famous abortion activist, is coming to Derry

and the "little bald doctors" he and his other neighbor Lois keep seeing are telling them that if they don't do something fast, something terribly bad is going to happen.

"Sooner or later everything you thought you'd left behind comes around again. For good or ill, it comes around again"

-from *Insomnia*

With this book, King has woven together one of his most mature works that often resembles his television series from a few years ago, "The Golden Years," in that it deals with the tribulations of growing older and gives the old characters in it a chance at being young again, if just for a moment or two.

However, beyond a few chilling scenes and a thrilling 100 page, race-to-the-finish climax, the novel drags with King's usual attention to everyday detail and in-depth character analysis.

Once the supernatural feel of the novel is established, the next 400 or so pages are spent furthering the plot, which isn't that complicated in the first place, or woeing over an already experienced emotion. Some

important issues, such as abortion and spouse and child abuse, are discussed, but so much so that they slow the book down to the point where it becomes a drama instead of the thriller that it was billed as.

Overlong and somewhat redundant, *Insomnia* is neither as scary as *The Shining* nor as thought provoking as *The Long Walk*.

Any reader looking for King's usually graphic display of violence should either skip the first 600 pages and go right to the climax or read *Pet Sematary* instead.

The book, while not King's best piece of writing, makes its point abundantly clear, if not overly so; growing old, while inevitable, has a way in making one feel young again.

All the worries and all the fears are cast aside. One has already lived his or her life. Death is all that's left to look forward to, and the peace that follows.

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Missed opportunities cause Redskins to lose sectional

DEREK RITTENHOUSE
Sports Reporter

The football team lost a hard-fought game to 5th ranked Snider last Friday night.

Depending on who a person talked to, he or she may give a different reason why they lost.

North charged down to the Snider 3 yard line where on 4th down and 3 they were stopped.

In the second quarter Snider got on the board with a 2 yard run that was set up by an Andrew Griffin 37 yard run.

North got on the board in the second quarter when senior quarterback Clifton Dickerson completed a 6 yard pass to senior flanker Joe Kahn. At the half North and Snider were tied 7-7.

In the third quarter Snider scored twice. On the second touchdown the coaching staff and most of the North Side crowd thought that Snider's quarterback's knee had touched the ground when he went to pitch the ball to running back Kierston Miller.

The official on the North Side sideline blew his whistle to stop the play, but nobody on the Snider side heard the whistle.

The play continued and Miller was tackled into the Snider sideline which was ruled by another official as a late hit.

"The only thing I have to

question if the whistle blew why did they let the play to continue.

The responsibility of the referees is to protect the runner and blow their whistle to let our players know that the play is dead," said Dale Doerffler, head coach.

The 15 yard penalty put the ball at the 50 yard line, and before North could regroup, Snider's Jason Norwood ran 46 yards down to the North Side 4 yard line.

On 4th and 3 Snider scored to put them up 20-7. Snider missed the extra point which was a critical point in the game.

Coach Doerffler said, "We were imagining a 21-20 game, but missed opportunities cost us at the end."

The fourth quarter saw North Side score early on a 5 yard slant pass which senior Dan Amos turned into an 87 yard touchdown with under 6 minutes to play.

North got the ball back and worked their way to the Snider 39 yard line. Dickerson went deep to Kahn but was intercepted inside the 10 yard line.

North didn't get the ball back until 5 seconds were left in the game.

Clifton Dickerson completed 6 of 13 for 121 yards and Javon Martin had 20 carries for 95 yards.

"I thought our effort was really good. A few breaks here and there could have changed the game," said Coach Doerffler.



CHRIS TURNEY, JUNIOR, is in the middle of one of the pileup in last Friday's game against Snider. Photo by Jason Teraman.

End of season brings sadness to girls' swimming team

CHRISTY MILLS
Sports Reporter

With many disappointments and many laughs, the girls' swim team ended another season.

"We did really good and are definitely proud of ourselves," said

sophomore Mandy Ryan as she was explaining the sectional meet that took place October 27.

Although no one advanced to the state competition, their coach was not disappointed with their performance.

Coach Liz Caywood said,

"They really did an awesome job. Almost all of them improved their times by three seconds, which is really amazing."

In order to get the team ready for sectionals, Coach Caywood started tapering last Friday, which is when the swimmers swim short distances with a

lot of rest instead of long distances with little rest like they swam throughout the season.

The end of sectionals also meant that the swimming season is over.

Coach Caywood said she feels sad that the season is already over. "Working with the girls was really fun. They were so great!"

"We went through many disappointments throughout the season, but we stuck together through it all and that is what made it fun," said Mandy.

Senior Marci Ryan said, "We did really good in the season considering we only have eight swimmers when other teams have around twenty swimmers."

Coach Caywood said what she remembers most about the season is the meet against Adams Central.

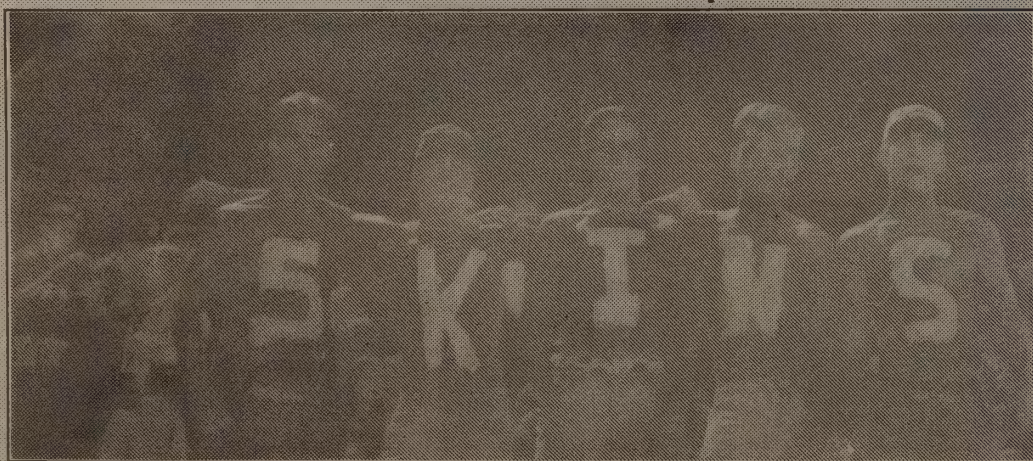
"They all improved their times and did an outstanding job," she said.

The ladies had been practicing since the summer and it showed through their improvements in their times and in their strokes.

The girls who will return to the team next year said that they hope to continue to improve and to be even better as a team.

They also hope that more people will come out and join the team.

■ A little skin, a lot of spirit.



SENIORS PETE THIEL, Matt Cox, Adam Harris, Jesse Moore, and Doug Schroeder display their skins to show their school spirit at the football game last Friday. Photo by Jason Teraman

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GOVERNOR EVAN BAYH, visited North last Wednesday as part of his tour. . Photo by Richard Ning.

Kline speaks of overcoming adversity

CHRISSY FRANCIES
Guest News Reporter

In one form or another, many students have experienced being treated differently because they did not conform to what society calls the "norm."

On November 8, Adam Kline addressed an audience of people concerned about the treatment of students commonly referred to by society as "those kids," and also known as "the trouble makers."

The speaker knew first hand what it felt like to be put into the category of "those kids."

At the onset of his speech, he warned the crowd that many people find him offensive and that he was quite sure that some people there would also feel that way.

Through his travels, Kline heard the same story over and over. It was a story of students being labeled based on race, background or physical limitations.

Mr. Kline faced two labels

while he went through school. An automobile accident young in life left him with physical handicaps. He was also picked on by classmates and teachers because of his learning disability.

Kline's crusade made known the traumas overcome by students like himself on a daily basis.

His speech was filled with many of the problems children face in school and at home.

When asked if he would ever stop his speaking tour, he responded, "I will not stop until the letters stop coming about the children. Then my job is done."

Many learning disabled children are only noticed for doing the greatest things in life, never things like being themselves, Kline said.

Prison is one of the many places you will see learning disabled adults. As many as 70 to 80 percent of the population in today's prisons are learning disabled adults, Kline said.

Kline said mindless statements like "if I can do it, you can do it" and "why can't you be more like..." belittle the worth of that child. Every

child should be treated with respect and allowed to be as creative and distinct as possible. Kline believes every child is a gift, and that every child has a gift.

Because every person in this school learns differently, Kline believes that teachers should help a child develop their method to make it more effective rather than scold them for thinking on their own and trying to learn on their own.

Kline is angry, frustrated, and saddened that the same things which happened to him are still happening to others today. The segregation and name calling are still happening in the schools.

Few teachers know what it is like at home for many of their children and will incorrectly blame them for something they did wrong.

At the end of his speech Kline ended with a poem titled *I Can, If You Think I Can*, by Ivan Fitzwater.

Kline said he continues to do this because, "[I want to] make sure that we know all children feel loved and valued."

Mears named DAR Good Citizen of the Year

AISHA JONES
News Reporter

the responsibility of finding a student who meets the qualifications.

Mrs. Pat Barker, secretary, said that the North Side staff looks for leadership, dependability, service, and patriotism qualities.

The staff found students eligible for the reward, but eventually all decided for Jason Mears to fill the shoes of the DAR good citizen.

Jason keeps a busy schedule while being involved in school government, staying on the honor roll, and serving as class president for his third year in a row.

Also, last year, he was honored with the opportunity to participate in Boy's State.

Jason has proven to be a strong role model for his peers, yet, still feels as if he has a lot more to accomplish. The DAR good citizen award provides Jason with scholarship opportunities from DAR.

Recently, Jason was required to enter an essay to the state contest. The essay dealt with issues concerning why patriotism is important. If Jason wins the state contest, he will receive \$250 towards college funding

and his essay will then be entered into national competition.

Nationally, Jason can win over \$5,000 and receive an all expense paid trip to Washington Congress.

Jason said, "I'm honored that I was chosen as the person to be DAR good citizen. It's an accomplishment I feel honored to accept."

New Rat Pack to be announced

JAMIE FORD
News Reporter

gives the school another group of cheerleaders. "We've tried to extend the season for the Rat Pack in previous years, but it hasn't worked out," she said.

"Not all of the members show up. We can't play the Chief Mac song without Chief Mac, but Travis has done a good job of being at the games," Mrs. Flora added.

Having the basketball Rat Pack will give those who were in football a chance to try out. Also, those who were in the Pack have a chance to try out again.

Mrs. Flora decided on a second group because it shortens the season for the previous group, but still

people who are responsible, dependable, enthusiastic, and mature.

"A lot of the process of choosing from the applicants is based on teacher and student recommendation. I learn a lot from the recommendations, especially when I don't know the student," Mrs. Flora said.

Although the Rat Pack won't be running around like they did at the football games, they will be helping the cheerleaders do cheers at half-time, time-outs, and pre-game. Mrs. Flora also hopes they will be working closely with the group A Tribe called North.

■ Break a leg!



STUDENTS PRACTICE FOR the fall play "Take Her She's Mine." The final show will be tonight at 7p.m. in the auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at the door. They are \$3 for students and \$4 for adults. Picture by Chrissy Francies.

Korte Electric is just protective

Is it wrong for someone who knows they are going to get shot if they go out, to stay in? Korte Electric denied service to districts six and seven on their routes.

Korte Electric has a very high crime rate and seven. Korte 21 crimes to the police have been in this Korte is just looking

Districts six being denied service, railroad elevation by according to Randy Liceman. More than calls made to the police from the districts choose Korte Electric. He is destined to occur cautions. What is so

This man started his own business from scratch and he has the right to choose who he does business with and who he denies his business to. The U.S. constitution provides this right.

People should stop the whining about Korte's decision and capitalize on the new need by starting their own business which caters to this area. Here is a whole area without a service which is needed to survive and no one is taking advantage of it.

Who are we, and more importantly who is the mayor to tell this man that he is wrong for denying the so called "ghetto" service. Yes, the Mayor jumped all over Mr. Korte's case for refusing to service this area. He said, in the November 3 issue of *The News Sentinel*, that crime does exist, "but it's not as bad as people perceive it to be." He said that people have a false perception of the area. Why then does the area have a third of the calls in all of the city? Remember that we are talking about only a small portion of the city.

Ever since I was a little girl and still today, I've always been told to lock my car doors when driving through this area. The reason why isn't false or a misperception. My mom was foreseeing a crime that was capable of occurring and she tried to prevent it. No one condemned her for what she did, so why should we condemn Mr. Korte?

Every city has a bad part of town and those two districts are Fort Wayne's. I think the Mayor takes it personal when someone points out a problem with his city.

So many people are screaming racism and unfairness. First of all whether someone is white, black or Latino if they are going to commit a crime against you, you are scared. I mean a black man with a gun is just as scary as a white man with a gun. This had nothing to do with racism.

This issue has to do with a man protecting his business and employees from crimes which he believes are destined to occur. His concern is with the crime and not with a particular race. How can we blame a man for looking out for his own?

Electric was aware of the in police districts six Electric has reported lice since 1979 that blackballed area. Mr. out for his own.

and seven, the area lies south of the main the main post office, Hosford, school police a third of the 65,692 lice last year were sent to be neglected by foreseeing a crime that and he is taking pre-wrong with that?



Danielle English
Editor-in-Chief

Single parent homes don't decide the future

Watching CNN this weekend, I saw a report discussing the problems created in single parent families.

According to this report, 60 percent of all rapes and 72 percent of all teenage murders are done by people who come from single parent homes.

It continued in saying basically that the largest percent of crimes are done by these so-called "neglected" children.

The report implied that children from these "broken homes" do not have the same benefits as those from two parent homes, nor are they as successful throughout their lives whether it be in school or in the work place.

Sadly enough, several people share this same view. Although the percentages for each of the two crimes mentioned are true, what people tend to ignore is the fact that a vast majority of these crimes, as well as others, were committed in neighborhoods where crime is a constant occurrence.

Part of the reason for certain crimes is the environment they take place in.

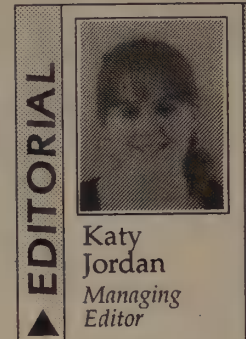
If a person lives in the inner city of Detroit, Michigan, for example, chances are that he or she will be exposed to, be a victim of, or take part in some type of crime at some point.

It just kind of happens that way. And this has nothing to do with coming from a single parent home.

Even if a person living in

the overrated addition of Sycamore Hills went out and robbed a convenience mart, it wouldn't have anything to do with the fact that he or she lived with only one parent.

There aren't too many parents out there who will tell



Katy Jordan
Managing Editor

their children to commit a crime.

As far as being neglected goes, there are several people who are neglected who come from "traditional" homes.

The majority of people who sincerely believe that children from single parent homes are not as fortunate and do not succeed as far as others are people who have never experienced both sides.

I believe that those people should keep their opinions to themselves because they do not have any first-hand experience as to what each separate situation is like, and therefore has nothing to compare the other to.

Maybe my opinion is biased because I do come from a single parent home, but I believe

that life is what everyone makes of it.

Nobody decides a future other than the person whose future it is.

Having only one parent around may affect the amount of money a parent can give a child or the number of vacations a family takes, but a mother can be a father, and a father can be a mother. It doesn't take two parents to have a complete family.

And there are children living with both parents who are better off than those living with just one, but the same can be said the other way around.

Every family has different circumstances, and whether there are two parents around or only one, life will go as far as a person chooses to take it. To blame an unsuccessful or unprofitable life on a parent is ridiculous.

Parents raise children through their childhood. After that, all the responsibility is left to the child.

One parent alone can instill incredible values in a child. And maybe one parent alone does not always provide a child with good values, and one parent isn't always enough.

But for some families, it is, and not every single parent home is full of neglected children who rob, kill, and rape people.

Only the child can decide what decisions he or she makes and how far to go in the game of life.

Off the Record...

"Do you think what Korte Electric did was right or wrong?"



Jay Overby, senior
"Ask someone who cares."



Nick Johnson, sophomore
"I guess it is because they were protecting the employees."



Jeremy Pion, senior
"I think it is unfair because it's discrimination."



Shannon Gilbertson, senior
"It's really not that dangerous as people are saying it to be."



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STUDENTS TAKE A puff break on the bridge. Photo by Jason Tearman.

Schools vary throughout world

LUCAS PERKINS
Features Reporter

Students from many different countries are enrolled here.

Japan, Spain, Germany, Italy, Brazil, Finland, and the Dominican Republic are all represented by one or more students from each.

Stephan Klarenbach, who is German but lives in Moscow, Russia says that, in general, it is a lot easier to live in the United States than the countries he has lived in. There is more food here, and many more people with cars. In Germany, there is much better public transportation, so it is easier for young people to go places than it is here.

The education system is also very different. "They try to bang more information through your head," says Stephan of German schools. He attributes this to the fact that it is a smaller country, so they need more of the people to be well educated. Because of this, they expect a lot more out of students.

He says that it is nicer here in that people are less judgmental about what you wear. This is not so in Germany. "When you listen to a kind of music, you must wear [certain clothes]," says Stephan.

In Germany, you can get a much better job if you speak English well, so he decided to come here instead of any other European country.

Karina Melo, from Brazil, also says that English is a good language to know. In school she was taught the meanings of words, but only here can she learn how to pronounce them. "Here, I have to talk," she says, referring to the fact that you learn more when the knowledge is necessary just to survive.

Because of the way classes are structured, students tend to have a

small amount of good friends in Brazil, rather than a large amount of acquaintances like we have here she says.

In Brazilian schools, students have to take all the hard classes all the time, and they don't have much of a choice when it comes to electives.

Living here, she has more of a choice as to what she will do, and doesn't have to ask for permission to do every little thing. Consequently, Karina says, "I think I've grown up a lot here."

Yumiko Morita from Japan finds that the students here have a lot more freedom. She sites the fact that many Americans dye their hair strange colors, when in Japan that is strictly forbidden.

Spending school time away from Japan is considered to be the equivalent of our Honors classes. But, when she gets back, Yumiko must take a test to make sure that she has

actually learned something here and not just messed around.

She says she wanted to stay here a whole year instead of just half of one, but her teacher back home decided how long she would stay.

Unlike Yumiko, Alvaro Parra, from Spain, is finished with his high school education and is just trying to learn how to speak English better. His problem, like Karina, is not the meanings of words, but the pronunciation of them. "Words you can learn in your own country," he says. He found that when he first got here, people couldn't understand him, even when he was saying the correct words. The problem was his accent.

Alvaro likes the states a lot but he thinks there are too many people. On the contrary, he says there are a lot more things to do.

"Being in the U.S. is a very good experience," he says.

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Smoking on way out

AARON MARTZ
Features Reporter

Smoking, though harmful to your health, has not been vanquished from school.

"Over the summer I was on a road trip with a group of friends and this store had a box of Swisher Sweets for fifty cents, so I bought a box," said Chris Rowan, senior.

"I smoked that box, and since then, I've smoked another box. That box lasted a week and a half."

Different smokers start for different reasons, whether it be to enjoy it or because of the taste.

"I smoke because I'm addicted," said Mike Ott, Junior, who has been smoking since his Sophomore summer.

Another factor in determining why a smoker got started is peer pressure.

"My friends smoked, so I tried it. I asked a friend for a cigarette," he said.

Mrs. Dee Herman, health teacher, said this of smoking as a student, "It's very socially acceptable to smoke. It makes (students) look older and more mature."

more liable to become addicted. You're more liable to have health problems. There is the standard comment that 'I'm just going to do this for awhile.' It doesn't work that way."

Among the problems she mentioned beyond lung cancer are bronchitis, emphysema, and wrinkling of the skin.

The habit of smoking has been plagued recently with troubles that make it a hard habit to continue. In recent years, the price for a pack of cigarettes has gone up as has the number of places which ban smoking.

"It doesn't bother me because I'm not

addicted or anything," said Chris Rowan of the ban on smoking in Glenbrook. "I just put it away. Even though I like smoking, I know there are some people who don't," he said.

Although most places ban smoking, there are always one or two places where it can't be banned.

"I smoke in my car and at my friends' houses," said Mike Ott who hopes to be smoking two packs a day soon.

Mrs. Herman said, "Many adults are looked down on as smokers. Many places won't hire you if you smoke, and those that do have limited

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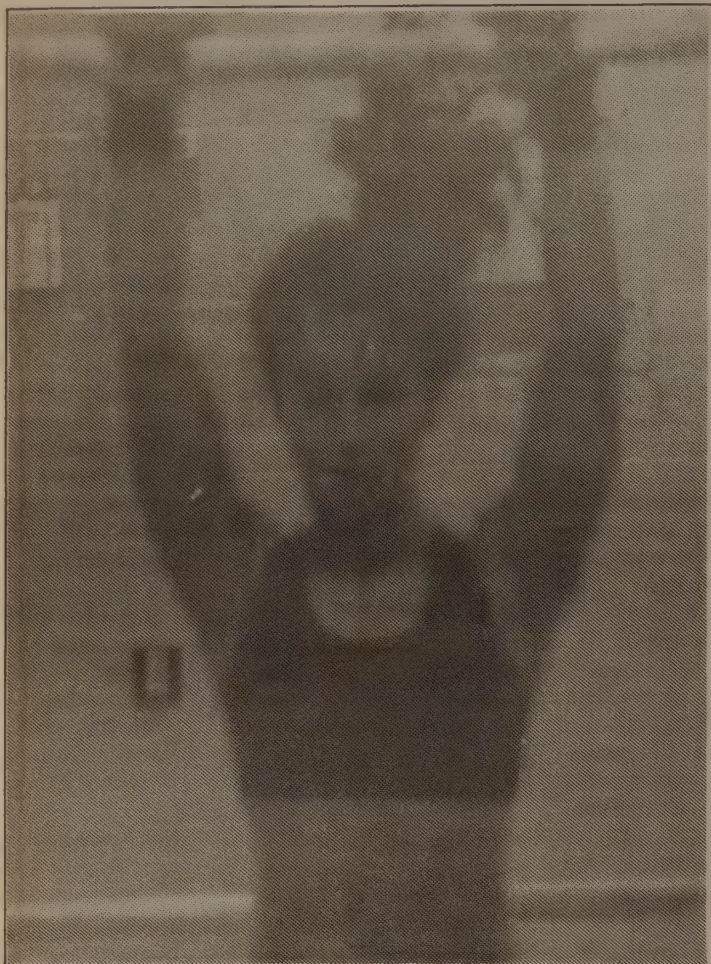
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JESSICA SHIPLEY, SENIOR, on the uneven bars at a practice. Photo by Chrissy Francies.

Veterans to help team to tourney

DEREK RITTENHOUSE
Sports Reporter

The North Side boys basketball team is looking forward to starting a new season on Friday, December 2, against New Haven at home.

North was scheduled to play Muncie South on November 23 but that game has been rescheduled to December 20 because Muncie South was still in the football sectionals.

The team is full of talent and experience with many returning players from last year.

"They are working really hard and obviously we are further ahead than we were this time of year last year," said Coach Glen Heaton.

The team is coming along great. "It helps that we have seven players back from last year that have played a lot and they know what varsity basketball is all about. Right now we are introducing offenses and defenses that we will be using throughout the year, plus we are working on fundamental skills that we will need to be successful," said Heaton.

Senior guard Clifton Dickerson is one of those returning players. "Our goals and expectations are high. We have the height and

talent to be a good team, plus we play really well together. It also helps to have seven returning lettermen."

Along with Clifton, are seniors Mohammed Abdullah, Cory Roberts, Charnier Corey, Josh Richardson, Ty Winn, and Keion Brooks.

Because the amount of time the guys have spent together they are all close. "I really think that this group of seven seniors that we've got are very close and they all played last year. They all get along well on and off

the court and I really think this will be the epitome of a team. I don't think it is a group that will depend on one person from night to night. The strength of this team is that they have that kind of balance," Coach Heaton said.

"One of our goals, obviously, is to be in the tournament at the end of the season, we want to do as well in that as we can. Our number one goal is to be the best basketball team we can be by the end of the year and do as well in the state tournament as we can do," added Coach Heaton.



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Watch, Learn and Interact!

World Tour Language Series: Japanese: Monday through Friday, starting November 7, at 6 p.m.

Electronic Field Trip: Dinosaurs with "Dino Don," Friday, November 18 and Wednesday, November 30, at 9 a.m.

The Navigators: Teacher to Teacher, Sunday, November 20, at 5 p.m.

Shipley hopes to perform at state

CHRISTY MILLS
Sports Reporter

Jessica Shipley, team star gymnast, prepares to begin another season of gymnastics.

Jessica, senior, has been in gymnastics ever since she was seven years old and her strong performance on the uneven bars is evidence of this.

She said the best thing she likes about gymnastics is working with the team because, "everyone gets along, and we have a lot of fun."

She also said that the most difficult part of gymnastics is the discipline and preparing for the season.

To get in shape for this season, she has been working out since last summer. Jessica also takes a body building class here at school to help her.

Dr. Ron Weiss, gymnastics coach, is who Jessica said she looks up to the most.

"I look up to him because he knows so much about the sport and I know him well enough to say that he's a great guy."

"Jessica is full of potential. She is a strong leader and our leading scorer. I have a good feeling that she will be qualifying for state this year," said Dr. Weiss with ambition.

Besides gymnastics, Jessica is also a cheerleader and has been a member of the squad for all four of her high school years.

Jessica decided that she couldn't choose which activity she likes best because she likes them both equally.

She said that right now she likes gymnastics better because it is in season but if it was cheerleading

season she would like cheering better.

Jessica's hopes for this season are to get her routine finished and memorize it and to go as far as she can. She also hopes to make it to state this year.

The team's first meet is away at Snider against Snider and Chesterton on January 7.

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Putting Tech Prep to work

ERIN MCATEE
News Editor

Mr. Larry Geradot, assistant principal; Mrs. Helen Solero, Mr. Merle Rice, Mr. Neal Putt, Mr. David Randall, and Mr. Keith Fisher, teachers, were among the more than 1400 educators, employers, labor representatives, and employment and training personnel who participated in a day-long conference entitled *Putting Tech Prep to Work*.

The conference was a part of a continuing program to increase awareness among business and industry leaders of the new Tech Prep curriculum offered by Indiana high schools and to train teachers in hands-on teaching techniques.

The conference stressed the importance of this school year to Tech Prep. State law requires that all secondary schools offer a tech Prep curriculum by the 1994-1995 school year.

Tech Prep prepares a student for entry to a two or four-year post secondary school or for direct entry into a technical career.

Boyd Speaks of Understanding Students

Tuesday night the North Side, Northrop and Snider areas gathered in the auditorium to listen to Carl Boyd speak on the importance of understanding today's student and of raising teacher expectations placed upon them.

As a national consultant to the National Crime Prevention Council, lecturer, teacher, author and host of a weekly radio call-in talk show for teens, Mr. Boyd has studied intensively the topic he spoke about: raising the expectations placed on young people.

Mr. Boyd graduated in 1964 from Chicago Teacher's College. The following fall he began his first teaching assignment in Douglas Elementary School in Chicago. Through his experiences growing up in a tough Chicago housing project and then while teaching, Mr. Boyd has come to understand that no one rises when low expectations are put upon them.

Negative peer pressure plays a big role in achievement, according to Mr. Boyd. He has seen young black males made fun of by their peers because they would do well in school and answer questions. They were outcast because they displayed too much intelligence.

"Black males suffered a double jeopardy. First they were os-

tracized for displaying intelligence, then they were reinforced to act unintelligibly," he said.

Differences between expectations of adults and of young people cause students and teachers to relate differently to each other. "Peer pres-

"The expectations we have will dictate a certain kind of behavior."

-Carl Boyd

sure prevents students from expressing their own selves," Boyd said. He continued by saying that students act out at times in order to look cool or to be accepted by those around them.

In one sense Mr. Boyd stressed tolerating the unusual behaviors displayed by students, but in another sense he spoke of intolerance when it came to settling for mediocre performances.

Mr. Ron Flickinger, guidance counselor, said that he leans more toward tolerance. He is bothered by the emphasis placed on rules instead of education.

Another aspect which bothered Mr. Flickinger about the talk Tuesday evening was the lack of staff participation. He estimated that of the nearly 2000 eligible participants, only 300-500 came.

"We don't expect our educational community to go above and beyond what they perceive as their limitations, so why should we expect our kids to?" Mr. Flickinger said.

While Mr. Boyd was a firm believer that students experience many factors outside of school which influence their behavior in school, he does not advocate that the schools should lower their standards for these students. He believes that it is necessary to raise expectations and then make the students believe that they can reach these goals.

"The expectations we have will dictate a certain kind of behavior [from students]," Mr. Boyd said. Socio-economic factors also contribute to the lowered expectations placed on today's student, said Mr. Boyd.

Mr. Ron Flickinger agreed that schools should raise expectations for students. When in the classroom he expected students to talk and write English. He wants teachers to stress academics, and tolerate the other stuff.

BREAKING THE MYTHS

Myth #1: It takes your body a long time to replace the blood you donate.

Reality: Your body quickly replaces the blood it loses during donation.

Myth #2: My single donation doesn't really make a difference.

Reality: With each unit of blood, at least three other people benefit.

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Reality: Each person receives new needles and materials before donation, therefore eliminating the possibility of contracting diseases.

Information from the Red Cross

Principal for a day-



MR. JIM KELLEY came to North Side as part of a new program. The purpose was to have a member of the community see what it is like to be a principal. Photo by Richard Ning.

PTSA Reflections program returns to North

ERIN MCATEE
News Editor

North Side will once again be participating in the 1994-1995 National PTA Reflections Program, with the theme "Dare to Discover..."

The deadline to enter is Wednesday, December 7. All entries must be given to Mrs. Boesch in room 334.

For almost 10 years the Reflections program has provided an opportunity for students to use their creative talents and to express themselves through their own original works.

By encouraging students to be creative, the program helps develop critical thinking and problem solving skills.

The contest is sponsored by PTSA. Mrs. Toni Folds, PTSA president, put the whole contest together for North Side.

"This program allows any student to participate. They don't have to be involved in a certain activity. Anything that involves wide participation is good," said Mrs. Folds.

Mrs. Susan Boesch, teacher, feels that the reflections program is very good for students. "The entire PTA program is a wonderful opportunity

for students to display their talents and hopefully win some money."

Students can enter four different art areas: literature, music, visual arts and photography.

Mr. Bruce Massoth, art teacher, strongly urges his independent study students to enter. "Anything that gives students a chance to reflect, evokes creativity and gives students a chance to be recognized."

In addition to winning a prize in the contest, students can win scholarship money. One of four scholarships will be given away in each of the four categories.

The prize amount is \$750.

U.S. National Army on tour comes to North for U.S. History classes

LAURA HELMKE
Guest News Reporter

A night vision goggle display, M-1 tank simulator, AH-1 Cobra attack helicopter simulator, global positioning system, and nine new Army videos, will be coming to North Side on Monday, December 5, all in one package.

The Army Adventure put on by the U.S. Army National Tour is an exhibit that gives the general public a hands on encounter with the technical aspects of America's Army.

Students with the parking spots 10-12 in the last row will need to park some place else on Monday, for the exhibit is within an Army van which will take up this space.

The van is both air-conditioned and heated throughout so students will be comfortable.

The exhibit is for U. S. History classes, and is limited to presenting it to 15 students at a time.

"We will have to work out a system so that all students can see it," said Mr. Don Evans, U.S. History teacher.

Videos featuring medical aspects, rangers, soldiers, armor, special forces, aviation, artillery, and army history, will be shown to the students.

It is because of the link to army history that this exhibit was brought to school by the department.

"We had scheduled for it to come last year, but because of bad weather, we had to cancel," said Mr.

Evans. "Hopefully it will feature things of enough historical nature."

Although the exact procedure for the day is not known by the teachers, it is known that it is not for recruiting.

"It is an exhibit about our defense system with an emphasis on modern weapons," said Mr. Ken Miller, U.S. History teacher.



Statistic misleading:

North rated lowest in city with 55%

The *News-Sentinel* reported in their Nov. 16 issue that North has a graduation rate of 55 percent, the lowest in the city. Many people read this figure and were appalled, but few read on to explore the reasons why.

The graduation rate is figured by taking the number of dropouts or withdrawals and dividing that by the total number of enrollment for that grade. That gives you a quotient, which is then subtracted from one. The answer then is the survival rate for that grade. Each grade is figured this way and then multiplied together to get the graduation rate.

Coming up with the graduation rate is a very complex issue, as you can tell by the formula. There are also many factors which go into figuring it that aren't even taken into consideration. North has a vast array of students from different socio-economic standings. The formula doesn't take into consideration those students who aren't college bound or who do not want to graduate. North should not be penalized for those who don't care.

Any statistic can be manipulated to make it support your own opinion. One hundred percent of the schools in the FWCS went down in graduation rate and they didn't have anything to contribute to it. Sure, it was a fact that North had a decline in the rate and had the lowest rate in the city, but one must then question why.

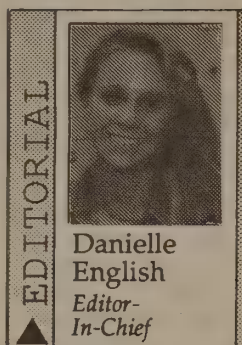
A key cause for the rate drop was the new attendance policy implemented last year. It was just a plan that back-fired. The plan was supposed to keep kids in school, but instead it kicked them out. The policy is no longer in effect so theoretically our rate will again be on the rise.

Let's take a minute and look at the whole picture. Besides the graduation rate, North went up in everything else. Language went up by one percent, math went up by two percent, attendance went up by three percent, and the cognitive skills index went up by one percent. Most would say improvement in four categories is a positive result, not negative.

Last year was the only year that North did not meet the state's standards. The state understood the dilemma with the policy and corrected the problem in a meeting the state had with administrators.

Even without that old attendance policy our graduation rate is still low. This is because our curriculum is sometimes lacking in the excitement area. Maybe if we catered to the broad needs of the students more would stay and get that quality education. More night classes, less time spent at school with more home study, day care in school, and school-work related activities are all things which would keep students in school and help boost the sagging graduation rate.

North Side is the place to be because of the students in it, so let's cater to some of those needs and keep as many of the students as we can.



Danielle English
Editor-in-Chief

Girls' sports lack satisfying audience

Dear Editor,

To start this off I'm just going to say that this school has no school spirit in women's sports.

I don't understand how people can take the time to go out to Wayne to watch the guys' jamboree, but most of them don't have the time to go to the girls' opener at home. Then the girls' team had their second game of the season at Leo, and there were only four students from our student body at that game.

You can't make up the excuse that you were going to the guys' jamboree because that game was at 5:30 and the girls' varsity didn't start until 8:00. I think everybody knows that if the guys' team was playing at Leo, everybody would have went out there. Everybody thinks that girls'

basketball is sorry, well let me tell you something, it's better than going to a game just to watch somebody dunk a ball. I have nothing against the guys' basketball team. I'm just stating my opinion against the student body.

Another complaint I have is against the newspaper. How could you go and write an article for the guys' basketball team [November 18 issue] when they don't even have their first game until tonight, while in the mean time the girls' basketball team has had the jamboree and one game. Did I miss something here?

I would like to make this statement to the staff, or whoever it concerns. How can we have pep rallies for just the guys football and guys' basketball. You may not know it, but the girls (in any sport) have put just as much time and dedication into prac-

tices as the guys do. Yeah we may get recognized, but we aren't the reason for the pep rally. Then there are a lot of other teams that take the time after school to practice and work and they barely get any recognition unless they are in state and then they still don't get much. (wrestling, hockey, swimming, etc.)

I hope I have at least given you an idea of how it feels to be in a girls' sport anymore. I'm glad that some people have recognized this problem and they are finally doing something about it by joining the club "A Tribe Called North." I'm glad I'm a part of this club and I hope you think about joining this club and doing something about this problem.

Chris Sutton,
junior

Writer questions comment by alumna

Dear Editor,

Forgive me but did she say "... with my own kind?"

Whoa, wait a minute, what exactly is her own kind? Tall people? People with "Ghetto Booties"? What? I would almost think she meant black people, but she wouldn't say anything that's considered racist, would she? I mean isn't she one of the main African-American Club members that got all over me for proposing a Euro-American Club last year so I could be with my own kind? (Just a little side thought there.)

April Johnson spoke to most of the juniors and seniors last Wednesday about the all-black college she attends. That's when she said she wanted to be with her own kind. That got me to think of how much minorities and women are catered to in this world. They get whatever they want. Especially grants and scholarships. I was looking through the Senior Handbook for Financial Aid and out of the 200-250 scholarships in there, only 39 are available to white males. Those

39 didn't say, "for white males only," they said, "Open to any high school student." Above all that the student must show need for assistance. The other 200 scholarships are specifically for minorities and/or women. They say, "Open to any black, or any Spanish, or any Jewish, or any Sockajewian monkey girl." And on top of that, these scholarships require no need for financial assistance.

So, to sum things up, minorities and women get the benefits for all the scholarships where as white males get only the 39 general scholarships.

Technically that's prejudicial and segregation, which are illegal in the U.S. All those Femi-Nazis and ethnic bullnders want equal rights and equal protection under the law. Now they're going above the law and trying to take full control of society. That's wrong.

If you Bullriders and Femi-Nazis are fighting for a common cause that makes you a single group society. You out number white males quite a bit. That makes the white male

a minority. A suppressed one at that. As a minority I am now entitled to special treatment by society. Where in the hell are my special rights and privileges, above the law? Where are my benefits? I'm a white male.

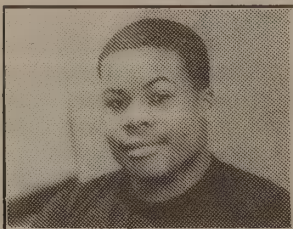
Doesn't that opinion on minorities and women kind of tick you off? I hope so. Maybe that's the only way to get it through your thick skulls. If the "suppressed" would stop acting like suppressed; if the women would stop pouting about being in front of the fan when a man hits it; if everyone would treat themselves as equal and put a little bit of pride into themselves as Americans, maybe society as a whole would conform to that.

They say the backbone of a successful man is a strong woman. I know black women don't take much crap from a male (a white one at that). The bit about the white male was sarcasm intended to poke fun at those suppressed who aren't suppressed anymore. Think about it.

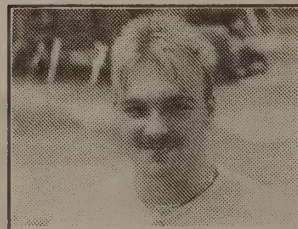
Shannon Stineburg,
Senior

Off the Record...

"Why do you think North was rated lowest in graduation rate?"



Kler Smith, sophomore
"Mainly because of the teachers. Students react to nice teachers, not mean ones."



Dan Myers, senior
"Because the students don't care."



Peter Junk, junior
"There is too much scum."



Erin Lauer, freshman
"Students give up and drop out."



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Graduates reveal college life

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Features co-editor

Some old friends came back to North Side for a visit and to update students and teachers on how their first year of college is going so far.

Colleges represented in "College Preview" held on Wednesday, November 23, included Indiana-Purdue, Fort Wayne; Indiana University in Bloomington; Purdue University in West Lafayette; Norfolk State University in Virginia; Duke University in North Carolina; and Juniata College in Pennsylvania.

Josh Kline, a pre-med major at Juniata, said that college is a much different world than high school.

"It's a lot more work. I didn't study much here (North Side), now I have to put in many hours of studying each week."

Adam Ketterman, an engineer major at Purdue, echoed Josh's thoughts.

"Studying is a top priority. I try to get it all done at once so I can be free to do other things," he said. He continued, "There is so much more freedom. I had to learn how to man-

age my time wisely because there are many diversions here. A party is always going on somewhere."

Adam takes a total of 17 hours a week, but actual class time for him amounts to 21 hours a week, he said.

Adam Loeffler, a student at IPFW, said that there is more reading involved in college than in high school.

"If you listen to your professors, though, you'll get most of the information you need for the test."

He went on to say that almost every class has a minimum of two papers. "I missed one paper because I forgot to look at the class syllabus," he said.

Making the leap from high school to college was traumatic for some, but for others it was a chance to experience life outside of Fort Wayne.

Jeff Frank, a mechanical engineering technology major at Purdue, said,

"There are 36,000 teenagers living in one place. It promotes awareness of differences (among people). It's really the first chance you get to find out who you are and who you want to become."

He added, "High school was a lot more busy work. Now, I actually have to find out things for myself that involve a lot of independent research and problem-solving techniques."

Home sickness isn't afflicting many of these students.

"I talk to my parents at least once a week on the phone. I keep in touch with friends through E-mail," said Josh.

Joanne Langin is attending IPFW.

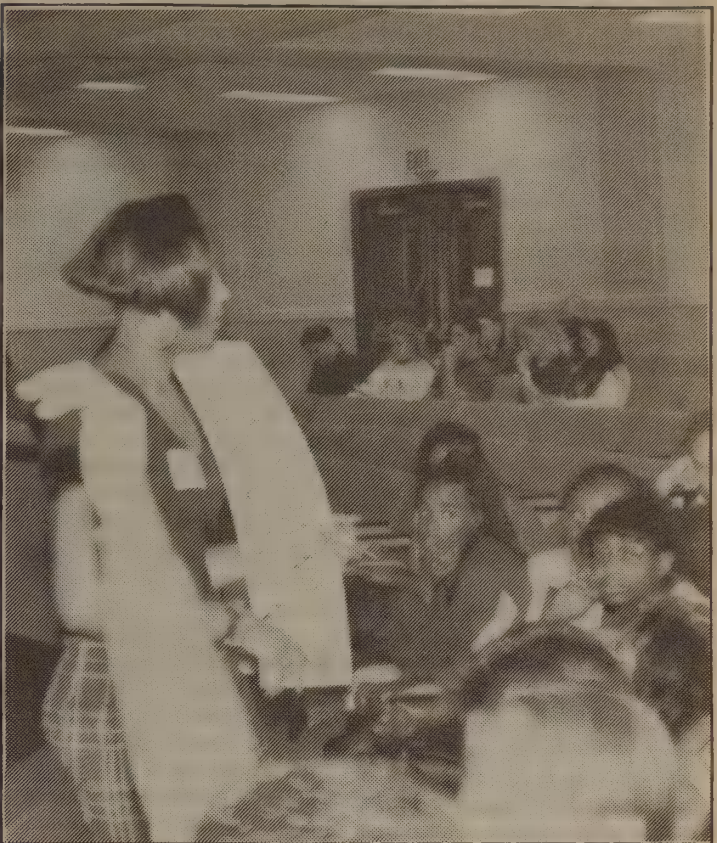
"I miss all my friends, but I'm having a good time here," she said. "If you get involved (at IPFW) it's fun."

She has pledged to a sorority and keeps in touch with friends through E-mail, too.

"It's good to be home," said Josh, "but Juniata is fast becoming home to me."

"It's good to be home, but Juniata [College] is fast becoming home to me."

**-Josh Kline-
1994 graduate**



APRIL JOHNSON, A 1994 graduate, talks to a group of students at the college preview and answers questions about what college is like. Photo by Richard Ning

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Photography teaches value of expression

LUCAS PERKINS
Features Reporter

Many students each year choose to be in that eclectic class - photography. Only the brave few survive.

The class is presented in the school curriculum guide as Art 9 and Art 10, both being one semester classes. Some students choose to take them consecutively though, in order to make a smooth transition from subject to subject.

Students are required to supply most of their own materials including camera, film (which can be purchased from the teacher), and photo paper for printing pictures. The chemicals required for development are supplied.

The first semester, or Art 9, consists of two phases coinciding with the nine week grading periods.

How to use the camera and the dark room is the first phase, because, in order to do good work, a student must first understand the basics of camera operation and development.

Also, presentation of finished work is an important skill in professional photography, so students are taught how to mount their photos onto cardboard-like backing.

Ten mounted photographs are due in this class, each depicting a different subject matter and done with different ideas in mind.

"Certainly, at a base level, we want to teach people photography," said Mr. Bruce Massoth, teacher, of his goals for the class.

Jennie Herman, junior, took this class to learn photography, but also for other reasons as well.

She said, "I thought it would be an interesting class, and it might be something I could minor in at college."

Mr. Massoth said that other goals include teaching responsibility as well as "how to develop and succeed at long term goals" and "how to work in a small closed environment like the darkroom."

In the second nine weeks, the students experiment more with their black & white photos by doing things such as negative exposure, solariza-

tion, and handpainting the photos with oil paint.

The third nine weeks concentrates on specific effects like lighting, props, and portraiture.

Photojournalism with actual accompanying articles is a big focus of the fourth semester, and students finally learn to process color photographs.

Technical correctness is not the only thing that photographers need to strive at though.

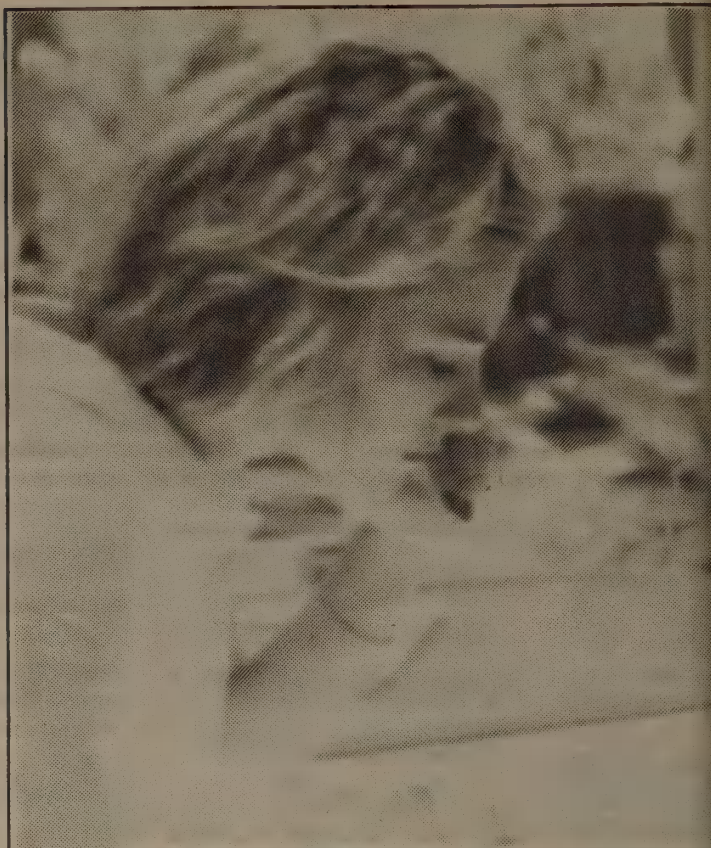
"We're striving to have students have value in their own self expression," said Mr. Massoth, of his more advanced mission in teaching the class.

"[We show them] that they can create quality and well crafted work."

Tuan Tran, senior, said that he took the class because he liked taking pictures, and he needed a fine arts credit.

Other students such as David Posey, senior, thought the class would be easier than a lot of others.

He said, "I wanted to take a break from hard classes."



JENNIE HERMANN, JUNIOR, looks at her negatives trying to decide which picture would be the best one to print. Photo by Jason Tearman



MEMBERS OF THE swing choir perform at a competition at Northrop High School where they placed second. Photo by Richard Ning

Swing choir skilled and quick to learn

CHRISTY MILLS
Sports Reporter

The swing choir has been rehearsing for several weeks to prepare for many events that they will be included in.

The most recent performance they competed in was at Fair Field High School on Saturday, November 18.

"We didn't do as well as I thought we could have done, but according to the crowds response we did really well," said Nick Hartman, senior. He said the equipment was poor and the group was really tired so that affected the way they performed.

The song titles which they performed were "No Bad News," "Starting Here, Starting Now," and "Stand On Your Ground." Those are also the themes of their performance.

"We are doing really well, but some of our experience is young. By the end of the year that will change," said Hillary Schwartz, junior.

Jeremy Cox, freshman, and Teri Getts, sophomore, both agreed that "No Bad News" was one of their favorite parts of their performance.

"I like 'No Bad News' because we have better crops," said Teri, "and also because it is more active than the others."

To get ready for their performance, they started practicing one week before school started. They also practice everyday during class and few nights throughout the week from 6-9pm.

Marcus Weene and Stephany Gross, both seniors, were the two soloists in the groups.

The swing choir will also be

participating in other events which are coming up. One of those is a Christmas party for "Kids Surviving Cancer." They will also begin to rehearse for many Christmas parties that they will attend and perform in.

To raise money for their costumes, they have different fundraisers. They sold different varieties of candy along with many kinds of cheeses and sausages.

"Some of the students' parents help out with the money more than enough, and since most of the students have job's, they chipped in lots of money, too," said Miss Margaret Buttermore, choir teacher.

"This is the best year I have ever taught. The students are very skilled and learn quick. I am glad I have the opportunity to work with them all," said Miss Buttermore.

Theater arts important to productions

JAMIE FORD
News Reporter

The theater arts class taught by Mrs. Claryn Myers, theater arts teacher, familiarizes students with the importance of lighting, sound, and stage crews.

The class helps with the fall play, the musical, and the dance show. They assist Mrs. Myers and the casts by helping to build sets, learning to use the light board, and painting. They will also learn to build flats, use color gel, and what the color of lights does to

the stage. They also help Mrs. Myers by cleaning up the auditorium and stage after each performance.

Shaun Davis, junior, said, "Theater arts is a lot of fun and it's interesting. It's also a good way to expand my knowledge in the technical theater area."

The theater arts class is made up of 17 students. This class hasn't been offered for five or six years, but was offered this year because Mrs. Myers was not teaching an English class like she had in previous years.

"My favorite part of theater

arts is being able to broaden my aspects of the theater arts program and I am learning a lot of the skills that are developed in the class," Shaun said.

Although there is no advanced theater arts class, students can take the class over if they want to keep their skills intact.

Mrs. Myers said, "This class is important because a lot of things go on during the year especially around Christmas, when other schools come in and use the auditorium for their performances. It is a lot of stuff for one person to do."



DANCERS FROM INDEPENDENT Study perform on stage with members of the dance troupe Tnuatron. Photo by Richard Ning

Police patrol schools, not easily spotted

ERIN MCATEE
News Editor

School police officers try to help everyone while they are on duty at their respective schools.

Randy Hosford, Matt Enyert, and Howard Johnson, are North Side's three police officers. The police officers carry on many duties.

Some of those duties include talking to parents, dealing with run-aways, or traffic accidents, and helping administrators and teachers with their everyday problems.

Randy enjoys his job because he says that it helps to keep him young.

"The best part of my job is when I can help a student. The worst part is when I find a student who is down on school and basically on life. I try to make them realize that being at North Side is an important part of their life."

For about four years, Randy worked as a police officer at Elmhurst

High School. Dr. Richard Gardner, principal, approached him at a football game about coming to North to work. Randy decided that since he was a graduate of North, he would like to come back.

Randy estimates that there are about 17-20 school police officers in this area. However, that number does not include the ones employed at the area middle and elementary schools.

School police officers are not always easy to spot. For about the first two weeks of school, the policemen wear their uniforms so that people can learn who they are. Randy only wears his uniform when he has to go to his other job as a city police officer.

Most of the administrators feel more comfortable when the police are in plain clothes.

Mr. Keith Scott, administrative assistant, said that it really doesn't matter to him. "The police are here to deter people from outside the school

from coming in more than anything. It doesn't matter to me."

While the police don't always wear their uniforms, they always carry their guns.

"I have a take-home car now, and [wearing my gun] is one of my responsibilities," said Randy.

"I always carry my gun because you never know when you will need it. I hope I won't ever have to use it but it's always an option," he added.

One of the more serious crimes that Randy has had to deal with while at school was when there was a report of a gun that was seen off school grounds.

In order to assure the safety of the students, Randy and other administrators had to make sure that the gun was not brought onto school grounds.

With the main goal of keeping North Side a safe place for its students, the school police officers try to be friendly and helpful to everyone.



POLICE OFFICER HOWARD Johnson keeps students from coming in the building before the lunch mod is over. Photo by Amy Swihart

■ Snug as a bug!



MEMBERS OF THE fall play, "Take Her She's Mine" act out a scene during their recent performance. Photo by Chrissy Francies.

North helps families celebrate Christmas

DEREK RITTENHOUSE
Sports Reporter

North Side is getting into the Christmas spirit this season with the program Adopt-A-Family/Single. The Fort Wayne Christmas Bureau assigned North Side 20 families that need help over the holiday season.

Mrs. Laura Taliaferro, assistant principal, is in charge of the Adopt-A-Family program.

"Last year was a big success but we decided to help the Christmas Bureau because we could help more families" she said.

Last year North Side had a

similar program over the holiday season. Students last year had the chance to help senior citizens get into the holiday spirit by donating their time and money to lighten their holidays.

"We're hoping the student body will work together to provide the families or single person with an enjoyable Christmas. The whole idea of the program is to help the less fortunate and get the student body excited about one of the best gifts of all, the gift of giving," Mrs. Taliaferro said.

All first period classes were divided into teams based on class size and location. Each team received a list from the Christmas Bureau on what

the family needs most.

Students have a choice of donating money or buying the items the families have requested. If a person decides to give money, it is asked that the minimum donation be \$50. Also, the items given to the families do not have to be new, but they should be in good condition.

According to Mrs. Taliaferro, "If the parents would encourage their kids to give to the less fortunate that would be a great help to the program."

The items collected need to be in by December 14 so that they can be wrapped and distributed in time for Christmas.

Proposed 'drug dogs' take bite out of educational goals

RON FLICKINGER
Guidance Counselor

Much has been written about the proposed Fort Wayne Community School's use of drug/weapon smelling dogs in local schools. The North Side Guidance Office is unequivocally opposed to the use of drugs and weapons by anyone, and particularly by our students. We are committed to finding help for those who feel the need to participate in those kinds of activities, but are not opposed to those caught with contraband being held accountable to the fullest extent of the law. However, we feel the use of the dogs, particularly as we understand their implementation, is a classic case of the "cure" being more harmful than the disease.

As we understand the process, the principal of the school will get a call stating something like, "You

are alerted that within X number of minutes a dog team will be at North Side to check your school for drugs and/or weapons." At that time the principal would notify teachers to close all classroom doors and keep students in the classroom for the duration of the search. We are opposed to this technique for a variety of reasons.

First, and perhaps foremost, is the fact that in the last five years at North Side High School there has been very few incidents with weapons in the school. As we survey students and parents concerning the issue of safety at North Side, we receive the overwhelming response that students who choose to be safe, feel safe and are not intimidated by others. At the same time, since the general of our society has a drug problem, it is understood that North Side—a mirror of our society—also has a drug problem. But like the weapons, in the last five years

there has been no evidence that weapons and drugs are significant ly influencing the school it seems a little unreasonable to disrupt classrooms searching for them.

Second, there has been much written about successful schools in the nineties. One trademark of a successful school is the atmosphere in the building that is created by the teacher/student relationship. According to a Met Life survey of American Education (1988) of five qualities that are most admired in a teacher caring and sensitive was twice as important than any other quality and students are more likely to think teachers are excellent (and therefore work harder for those teachers.) When those teachers give them individual attention, interact informally with them, and express personal interest in them. The most successful teacher is one who "nurtures," rather than, "demands," one who, "re-

lates," rather than "orders," and one who "cooperates," rather than "confronts." One educational writer named Slavin goes so far as to say that high school teachers need a double dose of these attributes. Since by the end of the first grade many students have already begun to see school as punishing and demanding.

So now we are going to ask teachers to hold classes of students prisoner in the classrooms. The teacher now becomes a "guard" assisting the adult power structure to repress all students without any evidence that the student population is in jeopardy. Instead of seeing the teacher as a partner in the educational journey the student now sees the gulf widening between, in, an already in a we/they attitude. There is no evidence that concentration camp tactics such as these are conducted to the learning atmosphere in the school.

A third reason, a some may say the most relevant reason, is the fact that the forced activity discriminates. Students are a captive population any way, and to force them into participating in an unreasonable search is contrary to the spirit of the Constitution. If we are truly concerned about passing on the American way of life, we should model it when our young people are in school. Arbitrary search and seizure by the governing authority, without probable cause or search warrant, reminds me of the sign painted on the barn by the pigs in George Orwell's *Animal Farm* which said "All animals are equal, but some are more equal than others."

As a counselor at North Side, as the parent of a North Side student, I would hope that reason would prevail and neither my son nor I will be forced to participate in such a non-productive activity.



Dance-skins working hard to perfect dances, are enjoying new studios

RITA MAGSAMEN
Features Co-Editor

From beginning to advanced classes, the Dance-Skins have been working hard all year.

The Independent Study class is set up for those who have gone beyond the four year program. Each dancer is required to choreograph and teach a dance in an area that they feel comfortable in.

"It's (Independent Study) because I like the dances, and we get to go to a lot of different places," Dannielle Sites, sophomore said. "Also, there are different people who come in and teach the dance techniques, and then we get to make up the dances."

Members of Independent Study were invited to dance at the professional convention for Indiana Teachers of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance held in Merrillville, Indiana on November 10.

On November 30, each level of dance performed at the Embassy Theater in The Festival of Trees. The classes danced to many songs including ones by such artists as Hammer, Jimmi Hendrex, and Aretha Franklin. They performed jazz, tap, and ballet numbers, using the different techniques that they learned in class. Each student enrolled in dance, beginning through advanced, was able to perform on stage in costume.

According to Mrs. Bonnie Amburgey, teacher, having the two new dance studios has benefitted the dancers greatly.

She said, "It's easier because they are closer to the locker rooms. This way they won't disturb other classes by walking to and from the studios to the locker room."

Studio 1 is used for jazz and ballet. It has a sprung floor.

"The floor is built with give in it to prevent ankle, knee, and leg injuries," Mrs. Amburgey said.

Studio 2 is the original Auxiliary Gym floor. The classes use this for tap. Mrs. Amburgey explained that this is very helpful with the two studios because it saves the dance floor from niks.

Maggie Woodruff, junior, said that one of the real benefits of the two studios is that they are the same size as the stage in the auditorium which the classes perform on at the end of the year.

She said, "The old studio was bigger than the stage, and the way it is set up now makes it easier to choreograph different dances."

Jackie Mohr, junior, said that she likes the new rooms because there are more rooms to do different dances in.

She said, "If there are different parts to a dance, it's easier to have the two rooms so we can get done a lot faster."

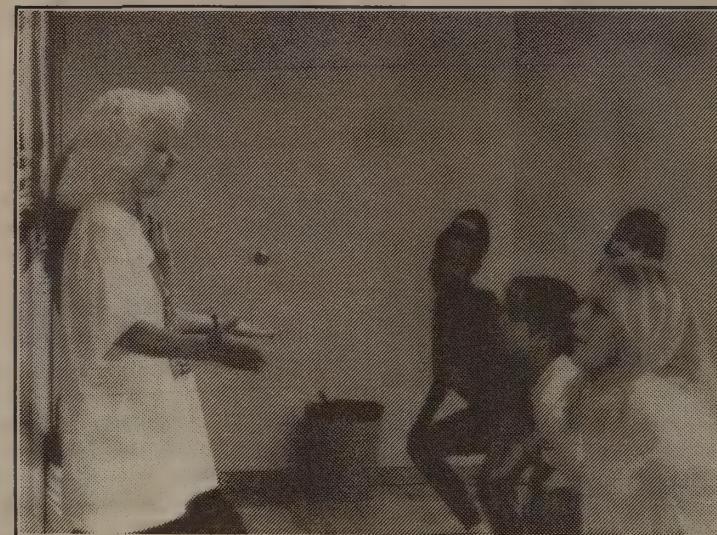
Despite what some may think, dance is not an easy class to participate in, and it can take several hours out of class to work on the different dances.

Maggie said, "It takes time outside of class to choreograph the dances, and aside from that, there isn't enough time in class to really teach a lot at once. By the time the class is done with warm-up, the period is half over."

As of now, members of the advanced dance classes are preparing for half-time shows for home basketball games.



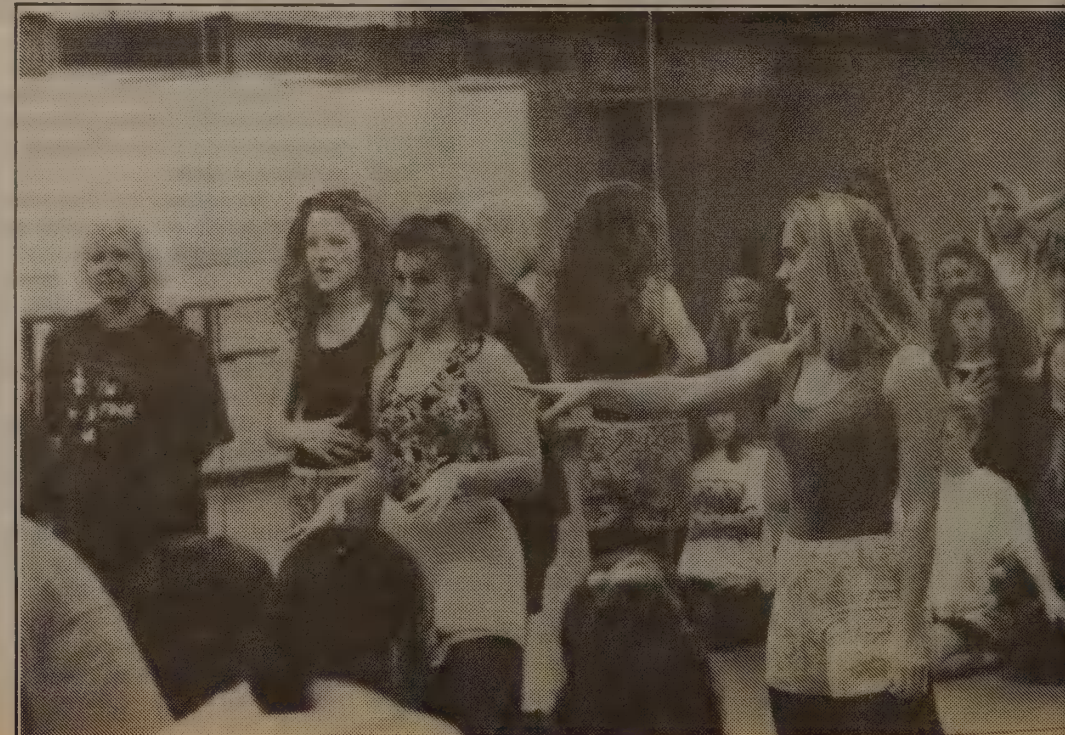
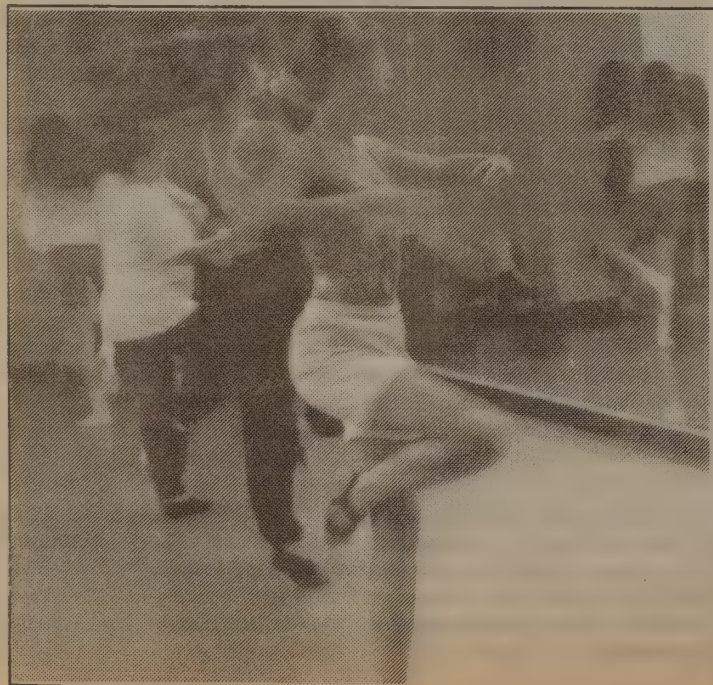
Top: Junior Jarrie Craig and other members of dance level 7&8 perform at tap routine at a recent competition. Photo by Richard Ning

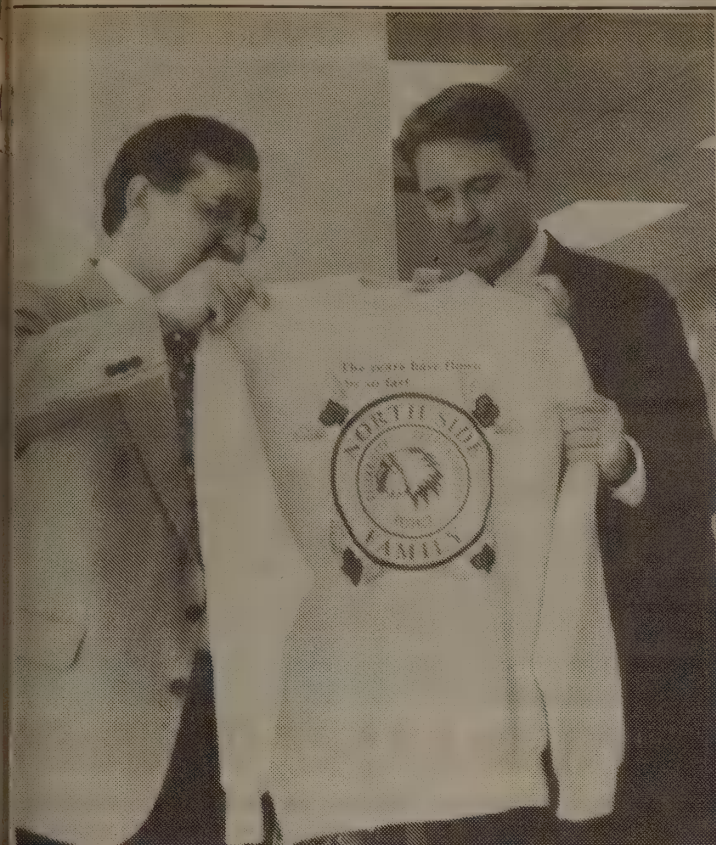


Left: Mrs. Amburgey instructs a beginning dance class. Photo by Chrissy Francies

Bottom Left: Members of Independent Study practice part of a dance during class. Photo by Richard Ning

Bottom Right: Beth Andorfer, Maggie Woodruff, juniors, and Staci Fahls, senior, explain the movements to a dance routine during fourth period. Photo by Jason Tearman





DR. GARDNER AND governor Bayh check out a North sweatshirt.
Photo by Richard Ning.

North Side is the place to be

The Wednesday, November 16, 1994, *News Sentinel* carried a front page article on "graduation rates" for the high schools of Allen County. Needless to say, North Side's "graduation rate" was reported as a disappointing 55.7%. According to the article, all the school in the county, except Harding, Woodland, Leo, and Heritage experienced a decline in their graduation rate. Indeed, in another article written by the Indiana Department of Education, the graduation rate across the state fell this year.

One of the areas the article did not cover was to explain "graduation rate." Graduation rates are compiled using a statistical formula for each grade level which looks like this:

Dropouts - Enrollment = Quotient

1 - Quotient = Survival Rate

The survival rate for each grade is then multiplied times each other (i.e. 9th x 10th x 11th x 12th) to reach the graduation rate.

High schools are replaced in a "league" according to several pieces of demographic information. This statistical graduation rate is used as one of the items of the State of Indiana uses to evaluate a school's performance within its league.

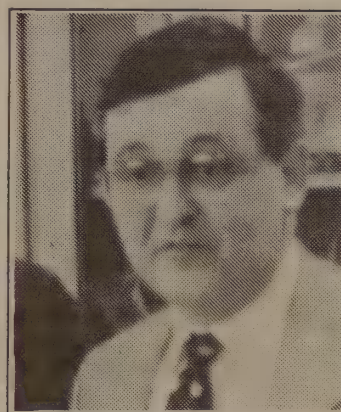
The other areas are daily attendance, language arts test scores, math test scores, and total ISTEP scores. Although I am unaware of the scores of other schools, North Side High School was up over 1993's performance in all areas except graduation rate. Overall attendance was 93.3%, up from 90% the year before.

As many of you know, our "graduation rate" was affected by the 15-day attendance policy North Side High School had last year. In fact, our calculations show that, had we maintained a similar policy to the 1991-92 and 1992-93 school years, we would have had a graduation rate well above the state requirement.

When one reviews the 1993-94 North side High School attendance policy, we were say-

ing that a student could not be successful when they missed 15 days in a 90-day period. That is still true today. It is true in school, and it will be true in the student's later life, whether in higher education, additional training, or on the job. However, that does not mean that the students can't return and become successful. Some students did return the second semester of 1993-94. Some are enrolled today at North Side High School, and are being successful.

North Side believes that a 100% graduation rate is the goal. That is to say, we would like to see every young person achieve the high expectations set for receiving



school. Indeed, at our last college review for our juniors and seniors, just before Thanksgiving, I was able to talk with several of the college students who came back to share. All to whom I spoke believed that they were well prepared and believed their grades were very near what they received in high school.

If we look at the number of academic awards that our students have achieved we see that we are competing well with all the other schools. Darcy Towsley was our National Merit Semi-Finalist, Laura Helmke, Ian Crace, and Jeremy White were National Merit commended students and Ardua Harris was named Outstanding Negro Scholar.

If we look at student performance in the fine arts we find we have had an outstanding year and expect even more with choir, jazz band, and dance. Our drama department is excellent. Our speech team will continue to grow, as will our academic team. You have only to read *The Northsider* and other articles written by our students to see how well they think and write.

Bottom line, North Side is still "The Place To Be." Yes, we will work together to be better as the four goals in our Action Plan for Performance-Based Accreditation specify. Those four goals are:

1. Students and staff use technology effectively to augment learning and teaching and to communicate effectively.

2. Students, faculty, parent, and community recognize good attendance as a prerequisite for being a successful student.

3. A learning environment exists in which students are responsible, independent learners.

4. All ninth grade students, pass all ninth grade classes as a result of an intensive middle to high school transition program.

These goals position us well to make adjustments without lowering any standards of what a high school diploma should mean.

Come, join us in making sure that North Side High School continues to be— **THE PLACE TO BE.**

THE NORTH SIDE CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- Dec. 3 SAT Testing from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Dec. 5 Northcrest Holiday Assembly in the auditorium from 7 to 9 p.m.
- Dec. 7 Brentwood Holiday Assembly in the auditorium at 7 p.m.
- Dec. 10 ACT testing from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Dec. 15 Hearing tests at North Side
- Dec. 26-Jan 6 Winter vacation

JANUARY

- Jan. 12 Financial Aid Workshop in cafeteria at 7 p.m.
- Jan. 16 Martin Luther King Day (no school)
- Jan. 19 One act plays in the auditorium at 7 p.m.
- Jan. 27 End of first semester (no school for students)
- Jan. 28 SAT testing from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Young team looking forward to holiday tourney over break

DEREK RITTENHOUSE
Sports Reporter

The girls basketball team is looking forward to another season and another game when they face Bishop Luers on Tuesday, December 6.

The Lady Redskins are led by junior captain Christina Sutton and sophomore captain Aarika Dillard.

"We have a young team and we are trying to establish the leadership that it takes to win. As far as scoring goes there are a lot of girls that vary from game to game. Against Huntington Julie Regedanz was one of the stand-outs. One game, a team might be concentrating on Aarika or Christina and then somebody else picks up the slack. That is what we need through out the whole year," said girls basketball coach Tonya Burns-Cohrs.

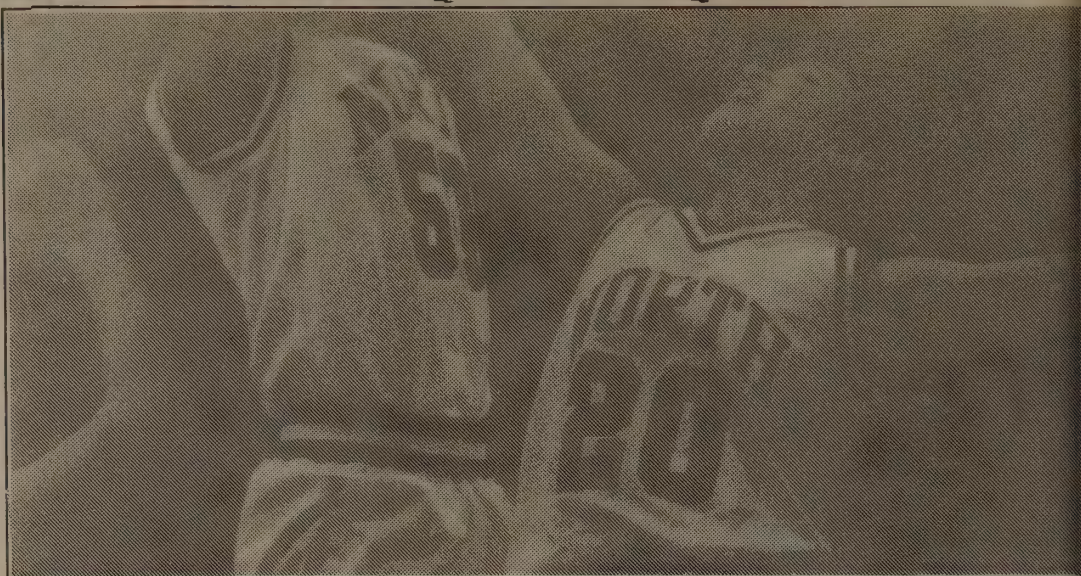
Every game the Lady Redskins play they will have to play their

best basketball they can since they don't have that "superstar" according to Coach Burns-Cohrs.

"We are a young team, full of inexperience, so we will have to play are hardest each game. I don't see any game or team that will be considered an easy win. We are not going to do anything different than what we have done in the past, but some games we might key on certain players," added Coach Burns-Cohrs.

One of the big events in the Lady Redskins future is the Holiday Tournament over Christmas vacation.

"We would like to be 0-5 when the tournament comes around. The tournament is a key part of the season because we can't fall behind and we can't afford to lose the games against the teams in our conference. North will play the visiting Bishop Luers Knights on Tuesday. Game time is at 8 p.m.



ERICA SHIPLEY, FRESHMAN, goes up for a rebound in Tuesday's game against Homestead. Photo by Chrissy Francies.



ADAM LAUER, SENIOR, takes a breath during a practice. Photo by Chrissy Francies.

Swimmers concentrate on self-discipline

CHRISTY MILLS
Sports Reporter

Work ethics and discipline along with stroke mechanics and techniques, are the main goals for the mens' swimming team this year.

Since the season has just begun for the swimmer's and they haven't had a meet yet, it is hard to judge their performance, said Mr. David Welkin, swimming coach.

The average swim team has around twelve members. However, North's has only seven, none of which are divers. Because of this, each member will have to work exceptionally hard in order to make up for points that will be lost because of the lack of swimmers.

"Having a smaller team makes it harder to win," said Coach Welkin.

The team hopes to improve all their times as much as possible and they hope to place well at sectionals so that they can make it all the way

there as a team for the third year straight.

Adam Lauer, senior, said, "I hope to make it to state this year and concentrate more on my swimming."

His stronger strokes are the 100 yard butterfly and the 100 yard back stroke.

Adam has been working on his stroke mechanics and mental attitude. He said that mental attitudes can really get to swimmers at the meets so he needs to control his own a little better.

Coach Welkin's goals for the team are to improve on work ethics and discipline. To prepare for their

first meet, he will work the team harder and train them harder in practices. He will do this by having them do more yardage (more laps), and making them stay in the water longer.

"Last year's team was really good. It will be hard to compare this year's team to them. We just need to practice hard and concentrate," said Coach Welkin.

Adam said that they will be working harder and making the practices count so they can beat Northrop and Snider in their first meet.

The teams' first meet is December 8 against South Adams and Bellmont at Crossroads at 7pm.

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Kennedy Center Master Class with Richard Stoltzman, Thursday, December 15, at 11 a.m.



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"A Tribe Called North" brings spirit back to life in North Side student body

ERIN MCATEE
News Editor

After the homecoming pep session, a group of seniors realized that there was still a spark of spirit alive at North.

A new group, A Tribe Called North, has been formed as a cheer block for all North Side sports.

Some of the founders include: Pete Thiel, Andrew Jackson, and Travis Weaver, seniors, along with staff sponsor Mr. Jim Orr.

They feel that there isn't enough pride in the school and they wanted to try and change that. "We just try to get people excited about their teams," said Pete.

The group has their own shirts so that everyone knows them, they

make up their own cheers, and they try to insult the other team (all in the name of fun).

With 100 members, their goal being 300, the group tries to go to all of the sporting events and cheer on their teams. However, their main emphasis is currently on basketball.

The group attended the basketball game last Friday. "We had a great turnout at the game. It was probably one of the best I've seen in the four years I've been here," Pete added.

Although they are off to a good start with the number of members, they still need more.

Any student who is interested in joining the club can come to the meetings. They are held on Thurs-

day before and after school in the cafeteria.

Each member pays \$18 for their shirt and a season pass to all of the sports.

The group would also like to start sponsoring dances after each home game. The money that is raised would go towards getting fan busses and paying for tickets for away games.

The next "performance" of the group will be on Saturday at Warsaw, which is ranked third in the state. If anyone is interested in joining the group in Warsaw, they should contact one of the members.

The group would like to encourage underclassmen to join also. The tribe is not just for juniors and seniors.



"A TRIBE CALLED North" cheers at a recent football game. The tribe is a new group to try and bring spirit back into the student body. Photo by Richard Ning.

Healthy Baby program assists pregnant teens in better pre-natal care

JAMIE FORD
News Reporter

"Have a Healthy Baby" class, taught by a nutritional expert from Purdue University, will be offered two times this year at North Side, once in the fall and again in the spring.

The program was created to assist pregnant teens in giving their babies a good start and insuring the

mother's good health.

The class emphasizes the importance of prenatal care and education.

Specifically, it will teach the parents to avoid life-style choices that affect the health of the baby.

The instructor of the class, Ms. Cam Shilling, from Purdue University, uses instructional materials including videos, graphics, handouts,

and models. The materials, as well as the curriculum, are up-to-date.

Program objectives include having mothers-to-be deliver a healthy baby with normal birth weight and having their babies live through the critical first 28 days.

"The reason I got started doing this program is because I feel that someone needs to provide information for pregnant teens. I want

them to have a better chance to have a healthy baby," said Ms. Shilling.

Mrs. Dolores Klocke, guidance counselor, said, "I think the class is beneficial to parents because it is like a support group and all of the girl's are in the same boat. They're either pregnant or have been pregnant before." The course will help answer these questions:

-How can I have a healthy baby?

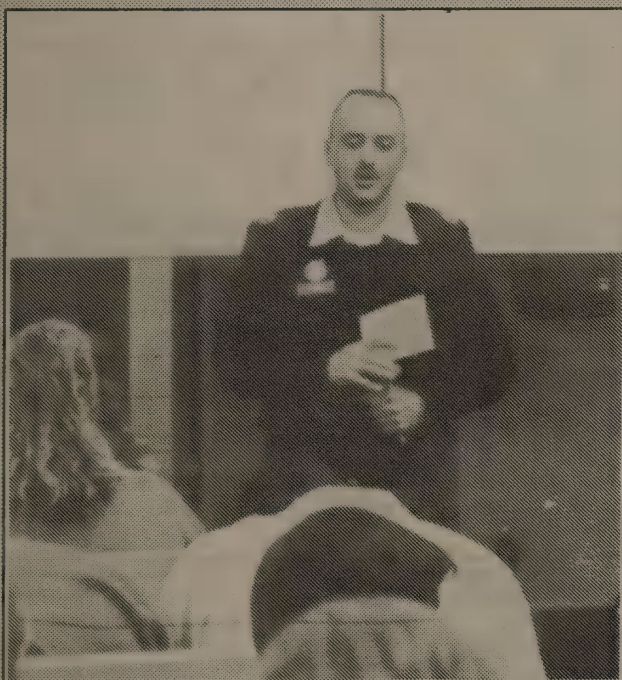
-How much weight should I gain?

-What should I eat during pregnancy?

-What effect do my habits have on my baby?

"I think that this program is a valuable service provided for young pregnant women. The instructor is competent and very qualified," said Mrs. Klocke. The six session program meets once weekly on a specified day, but on alternating periods.

■ Army van visits North



SGT. FAHL OF the US Army talks to students in the Army van that visited North on Monday. Photo by Jason Tearman.

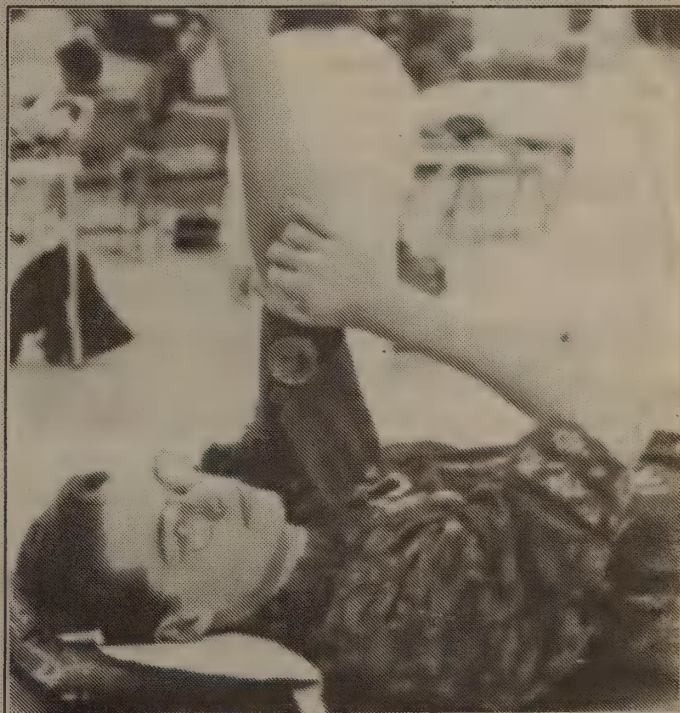
Facts about babies

In Indiana approximately 80,000 babies are born each year. Of those:

- 2600 die
- 5000 are born at low birthweight
- 11,000 are born to teenagers
- \$2,000 is charged daily for neonatal intensive care

Information from Purdue University

■ Blood donations helpful



DAN KIRACOFE, SENIOR, waits patiently to go back to class after giving blood at the blood drive sponsored by the Red Cross. Photo by Jason Tearman.

System needs amending

To kill or not to kill, that is the question.

With Jeff just dying in jail last week the issue of death sentences came up. I started to hear comments like, "I don't pay taxes to support some cannibal," and "Why wasn't he killed in the first place." I did plenty of research and I came up with some startling evidence that the majority of you may be unaware of.

The Bible says that it is wrong to kill, but then it also says, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." If you kill, you shall be killed is the essence of the implication. And I see nothing at all wrong with this picture and the majority of the people in the United States agree with me at 80 percent for the death penalty.

The death penalty does exist in Indiana and you are eligible for it at 16. We eliminate by means of electrocution. Only 43 people have died by the chair since 1930.

Life imprisonment without parole is an alternative to the death penalty. Did you know that 5.6 percent of murder offenders, who are released, go on to kill again. We paroled 4,348 murderers last year alone. That is 243 innocent people killed because of parole. An average life sentence served for a murder is only 15 years. There is no such thing as a life in prison. Eventually the person will come before the board to be reviewed and then sent out to kill again.

Dahlmer would most likely not have been let out of prison because of the extent of his crimes, so why then did we not give him the chair?

It costs one million dollars to keep a prisoner in jail for 50 years. It costs about 1.5 million to go through the death process. The reason is because of the appeals process that the criminal goes through. They appeal and appeal and appeal hoping that some shred of new evidence will make all of the difference in the world to the jury, but most of the time it doesn't. There needs to be a limited appeal procedure. At some point there must be finality. There is a major difference between necessary review and stalling. If the appeals are limited then it would be less expensive to eliminate rather than house the criminals.

Now I can hear all of the whiners going, "Two wrongs don't make a right," and saying the criminals have feelings too. A simple answer to those kinds of people is: Don't do the crime and you won't do the time, or not the time, you'll just die. And for the feeling part of it the central nervous system shuts down in one twenty-fourth of a second of the time it takes to feel pain, so they feel absolutely nothing, they just die.

I certainly would not want to be part of that 5.6 percentile murdered by a killer released on parole, would you? I'd rather be sure that he/she would never kill again. If we aren't going to dispose of them then we need to make sure that they will never get out on the street again. The arrangement should be to grant the criminals one appeal and that's it, no more. If they are still found guilty then we dispose of them. Any who don't like the system, don't kill anyone, okay?



EDITORIAL

Danielle English
Editor-in-Chief

Black female angered by ignorance of writer

Dear Editor,

I am responding to Shannon Stineburg's letter about April Johnson's comments at the college prep activity. I am a Black female, one of those people that is catered to according to Shannon and can get "whatever they want." I am questioning what exactly Shannon is upset about. Is it Black colleges or minority scholarships? Historically Black Colleges were originally designed only for Black students who couldn't gain entrance into White colleges because of segregation. Today these colleges are open to any student of any race who wants to experience a predominantly black environment instead of a white one. Black colleges should be Shannon's answer to his problems of inequality among the races and

sexes. My oldest sister attends Spelman College, and she did not receive any scholarships except by her academic merit because it is predominantly Black and all female. Morehouse College is in the same area, and it is also predominantly Black and all male.

April answered why she wanted to attend a Black college in one short sentence, but I feel there is a much deeper reasoning. My sister wanted, for only once in her life, to live in a place where she never had to worry about students, teachers, or administrators discriminating against her. I don't mean to imply that it will automatically happen, but the possibility is always there. Another very important reason she went there is because of people exactly like Shannon. Never does she have to hear that she accom-

plished what she did because of her color, which some Whites are inclined to say. My sister has been accepted to medical school and she plans to attend in the fall.

I do believe in scholarships for minorities and women because I feel there is a need. But that is a whole other letter. Shannon's comments are negative to both topics, and it seems to me that if he was against minority scholarships then he should be for the colleges my sister and April Johnson attend. Shannon should try to put himself into other people's shoes and try to understand them before making generalized comments about that group of people.

Jessica Page
Junior

Helmke clarifies editorial, crime

Dear Editor,

Your editorial of November 18, 1994 concerning Korte Electric contained a serious factual error. The area of our city that Korte Electric indicated it would not serve was bounded by Berry Street on the north, Anthony on the east, Pettit on the south, and Calhoun on the west. Since 1979, Korte Electric has not reported any incidents to the City or the County Police within this area.

Since 1979, Korte has made 26 calls to local law enforcement agencies, exclusive of auto accidents. Twenty-one of these incidents were at Korte's place of business at 10920 Stellhorn Road, a location which is far outside of the city boundary lines, in the eastern part of Allen County. Only five incidents have been reported by Korte in the last 15 years inside the city limits. Four of those city incidents were north of our rivers. The one incident south of the rivers was not in the excluded area.

Thus, you were mistaken when you stated that Korte had reported "21 crimes to the police since 1979... in this blackballed area."

For your information, the area which Korte Electric refused to serve

includes Lincoln Life's new headquarters, the new Norwest Bank building under construction, the Cathedral, the Grille Administration Building for Fort Wayne Community Schools, the City's Street Department/Garage/Utility complex at Wallace and Lafayette, South Side High School, Rudisill Plaza, as well as a number of strong and healthy neighborhood associations.

Yes, we do have a problem with crime in our community. But, while we are still fighting the battle, we are winning. Over the last six months, we have spent over \$100,000 for overtime for directed police patrols in some targeted neighborhoods in the south-central portion of our city. These efforts have led to a reduction in crime in those areas of 10% over the same period last year.

We have added significantly to our Police Department over the last few years, and will be adding even further next year with money from the new Federal Crime Bill. By the middle of next year, our Police Department will have increased from 300 officers when I first became Mayor, to about 390 officers. With these new officers, we have begun partnership efforts with our neighborhoods in order to truly

implement community policing.

In fact, overall crime for 1994 is down from 1993, which was down from 1992, which was down from 1991. Yes, we have problems, but I think any person looking at these statistics would realize that we have made some significant progress.

We all need to work together to prevent crime from occurring. I met with Jerry Korte recently to let him know what efforts the City has been involved in for some time, as well as what efforts are in store for the future. Based on these discussions, I am very hopeful that Mr. Korte will reverse his earlier decision about not serving this part of the community.

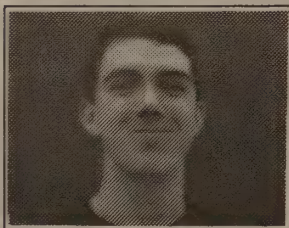
My approach to the issues facing our community has always been to try to find ways to move the community forward, and not point fingers at each other. When I feel that someone takes the position that is incorrect, I feel that I have the right, and often the obligation, to state my opinion.

I'd like us all to get our facts straight and start working together to make this a safer community for all of us, in all parts of our town.

Paul Helmke
Mayor

Off the Record...

"What do you think of capital punishment?"



Jeremy White, senior

"It's not an emotional response, but an economical one. The cost of termination vs. life imprisonment."



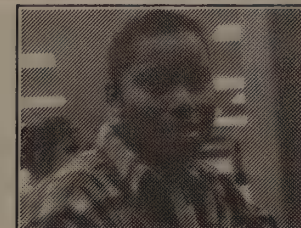
Mary Waterman, senior

"I think they should have it only if they are guilty."



Matt Carboni, senior

"I think it is good in some cases like a repeat sexual offender or a serial killer."



Keisha Theiry, senior

"If someone is convicted of killing they should be killed instead of being on death row forever."



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Classes offered at career center give students job skills

RITA MAGSAMEN
Features co-editor

Students in RVS have the chance to use the skills in an area of interest or get on the job experience.

Misty Fuller, junior, is in Computer Technology 2000. She has been working with DOS, a system used for secretarial skills. She has learned how to make spread sheets, letters, and how to program a computer.

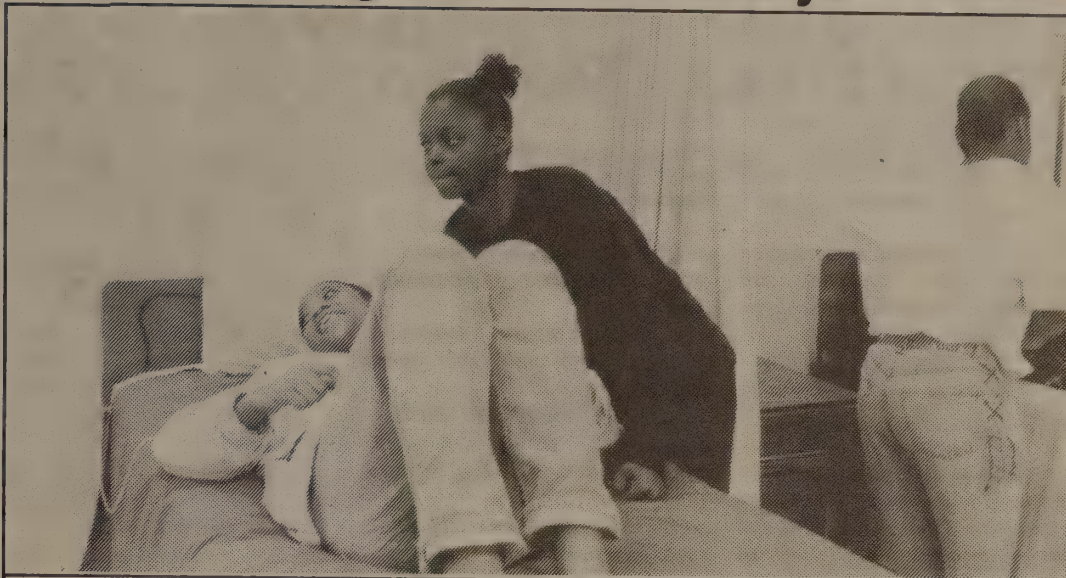
After December, each student must choose a major. They will then learn more about it. Misty will go on to multi-media after school, where cartoons and videos are made.

She hopes to continue with computers after college. "It's really a great class because it educates you in the sense of job skills for the future. When I get out of college, there will be

a high demand for computers so I'll be able to get a good job," Misty said.

Automotives is another class at the career center. Johnny Nelson, junior, has learned how to change oil, take an engine out of a car and see how it works. "This will help me for when I get a car I can fix it when it breaks down," he said. Another thing that Johnny likes about it is the size of the class. "I like that the classes aren't too big. There is more attention given to each one of us."

Michael LeShore, senior, is in a different department. Hoping to pursue a career out of this class, he is learning about autobody and paint. He has had to grind, paint, put new bodies on, change fenders, and weld. "We learn hands on everyday to do new and different things," he said. He is looking for a job as a mechanic.



JUNIOR KELLY DUKES, examines a "patient" as part of her Health Careers class at RVS. Photo by Richard Ning

Drugs, marijuana still active in student body

LUCAS PERKINS
Features Reporter

The use of drugs, and marijuana in particular, has become an important part of our culture.

It seems that this trend of drug use is not reserved for any one group of people, but rather any and all. "I've even heard those trendy preps talking about [marijuana]," says junior, Mike Ott.

"Marijuana is going to bring the world together. Every race and social standing smokes bud," said Mike Boester.

Where it was once common practice to bring drugs to school in order to use or sell them before, during, and after school, the number of people who do this has apparently

gone down due to the threat of dogs being brought in.

"Some people bring them to show off. That's why they get their [expletive] busted," said Jeremiah Miser, junior.

The idea of legalizing marijuana and other drugs has become a popular topic of discussion.

Miser gives three reasons as to why marijuana should be legalized. "'Cause we're almost to the year 2000, and stupid rules made up in the '20's or '30's shouldn't effect us anymore. It really has no long term effect, and the police don't really give a [care] anymore."

"They shouldn't be legalized, but they should be decriminalized," said Boester, referring to the thought the sentences and fines should be greatly reduced for the use and possession of certain drugs.

He said that they should just give little two dollar fines for people who smoke pot on public property, and that, "They should have High zones and Tow Away zones real close together so the high people can see their cars getting towed away."

This basic opinion of exceptionance is not restricted to students only though. Mr. Bruce Massoth, art teacher, said, "I think at the very least they should be decriminalized." Reasons given for this are that this teacher is sick of drive-by's and the "allure of fast money", and the "tremendous amount of law enforcement money going to stop it when it could go to treatment...It has to be regulated...I'm not sure how we would administer that, but it isn't likely to happen."

Stereotyping offensive to most

AARON MARTZ
Features Reporter

If you have ever been called a punk, hippie, beatnik, or simply a freak, you have been stereotyped.

Chances are, everyone has, at one time or another, been called a name such as nerd, or jock, but is this just a way of life, or is it a fault in our social system?

"I think it's wrong, but I assume everybody does it because they don't know the person yet, and once they come to know the person, their perception might change," said Tuan Truan, senior, who is stereotyped, because of his Korean nationality, as automatically knowing karate.

Besides having the aspects of a certain nationality, stereotypes can come from such things as what you wear or what your religion is.

"I'm usually stereotyped as a Satanist or a gang member because I wear a pentagram around my neck," said Chris Rowan, senior, who is a member of the Wicca religion. The Wicca religion is a natural religion that uses the pentagram as their symbol.

He said, "It makes me mad, because I didn't do anything to those people."

Even those who feel strongly against stereotyping can't help but do it themselves.

"I try not to (stereotype) as much, but I have stereotyped some people," said Tuan Tran.

He said, "It usually happens when I first meet them, but then I get to know what they're really like"

Stereotyping can be described as a natural process used to group people in certain categories in order to make it easier to get to know

them, but sometimes categorizing can be offensive.

Mike Deans, junior, said, "To decide whether or not the name of our school mascot is racist, you have to look at its original use. Redskin, in its original use was a racist slur on the level of spic or nigger or honky." He said, "It was another of the horrible names childish adults created out of fear and hate rooted in their own flaws and insecurities."

He continued in saying, "The slurs I mentioned are filled with more hate and violent emotions than any others, and serve no benevolent purpose. I believe, no matter how we mean it or use it, (Redskin) is still a horrible word."

So, whether stereotypes are just preconceived notions or whether they represent styles of life, one should be careful how they are spoken, and to whom they are spoken.

Marijuana Facts

- In 1985, a survey showed that 12 million Americans said that they had tried marijuana.
- In 1988, only 2.7% of high school seniors said they used marijuana daily, or almost daily, which was down from 11% in 1978.
- Among employed 20-40 year olds, 16% reported using marijuana at least once in the past month.
- A single marijuana cigarette after ovulation decreases the plasma level of one of the hormones essential for normal reproductive functioning in females.

All information is from the results of extensive research done by The National Institute on Drug Abuse

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Offense and defense on the ball to make it win two

CHRISTY MILLS
Sports Reporter

Two winning games were added to the record of the boys' basketball team over the weekend, which now sets their record at 2-0.

The team dominated the New Haven Bulldogs, 71-49, at home in last Friday's game.

"They were very anxious in the first half and that slowed down our offense. The second half they were more settled. It's a typical thing that every team goes through, but over all I was very happy with the way they played," said Glenn Heaton, head coach.

Josh Richardson, senior, said they were anxious to play and had "jitters," which caused them to rush their shots in the first half.

Although the team had a slow start, they picked up the pace in the second half and really came out.

"Once we got our offense

going we played really well," said Ty Winn, senior.

When the team settled into the flow of the game (offensively) it started up the defense, which brought in the points.

"Our defense played real well. We really hustled," said Clifton Dickerson, senior.

"We worked well together and we were not all mashed up trying to find our man," said Keion Brooks, senior.

Saturday's game was a favored victory for the team. They played Lima Senior, which hasn't lost a home game since the year 1991.

"We really didn't know what to look forward to at the game against Lima because this was their first game of the season. We played an outstanding game," said Coach Heaton.

In Saturday's game the guy's pulled themselves even more than against New Haven and played more physically and not mentally, added



SENIOR COREY ROBERTS shoots the ball at Friday's game. Photo by Richard Ning

Brooks.

The leading scorers were Keion with 25 points, Clifton Dickerson with 20 points, and Ty with 15 points. The final score of the game

was 83-69.

Coach Heaton said, "We had increased practice times, worked on transitions from offense to defense, rebounds, turnovers, free throws, and

blocking.

"We stepped up better in Saturday's game. The scoring was there and defensively we stopped when we needed to," said Josh.

■ Another score!



JUNIOR WES ROBB celebrates after scoring a goal against the Snider Panthers at Tuesday's game. North beat Snider 6-0. Photo by Kyle Turner

Wrestling team working hard, improving skills

DEREK RITTENHOUSE
Sports Reporter

Svarczkopf likes what he sees in Myers.

It may not be the WWF, but if you ask members of the wrestling team, some may say that it sometimes comes close.

The only things different are an arena full of screaming people, three ropes, stupid costumes, and bad acting.

One thing you do have with both is good wrestling.

"We're getting better. The guys are working harder. We only have one senior in the lineup but that doesn't mean we can't win, that just means we have to mature a little faster," said wrestling coach Chris Svarczkopf.

The Redskins are an inexperienced group of wrestlers, but according to senior Dan Myers they don't lack talent.

"We don't lack talent, we just don't have experience, but we are coming along pretty fast," said Dan Myers.

"He's got the best record 4-0. Dan is at a weight class where he can be competitive. He wrestled a guy from Elmhurst that was supposed to be pretty decent, and Dan ended up beating him by nine points," said Svarczkopf.

"Right now I'm not doing too badly, but there are a few things to work on. But I think I will improve down the road, and so will the team," added Myers.

Another strong point in the wrestling program is sophomore Terrance Holiday. Holiday wrestles the 126 pound weight class.

"Terrance is a real hard worker. He's real solid in all aspects of his wrestling. He's just a real solid person all around," added Svarczkopf.

Tomorrow the Redskins will be at Marion for the Marion Invitational at 9 a.m.

North Side Football 1994 Awards

Most Valuable Player: Clifton Dickerson
Hustle, Desire, and Attitude Award: Joe Kahn and Starsky Thomas

Best offensive Back: Dan Amos
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Lineman: Josh Richardson
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New curbside recycling program begins in Fort Wayne

ERIN MCATEE
News Editor

Starting January 2, the city of Fort Wayne will be able to recycle without the hassle.

No room for storage, no time to separate, lack of knowledge on the subject, and the hassle of moving it to a recycling center are some of the main reasons people don't currently recycle.

With curbside recycling, the only things people will have to do are bundle newspapers and magazines and rinse out cans and bottles.

Everyone will be receiving buckets to put their recycleables in within the next two weeks, if they have not already received them.

The buckets will then be set outside, every other week, on the

same day as their garbage, before 5a.m.

For example, if someone gets his or her garbage picked up on Mondays, then their recycling will also be picked up on Mondays.

Even if a person's garbage is picked up in the alley, their recycling will be picked up in the front by the curb.

A similar program was tried in various areas throughout the city and was such a success that it was decided that the program would start on a permanent basis throughout the entire city.

The coverage for the new program includes everyone inside the Fort Wayne city limits.

The regular price for city garbage pick-up is \$5. With the new recycling program, the price will only rise by \$1.50, bringing the new total to

\$6.50 for the month.

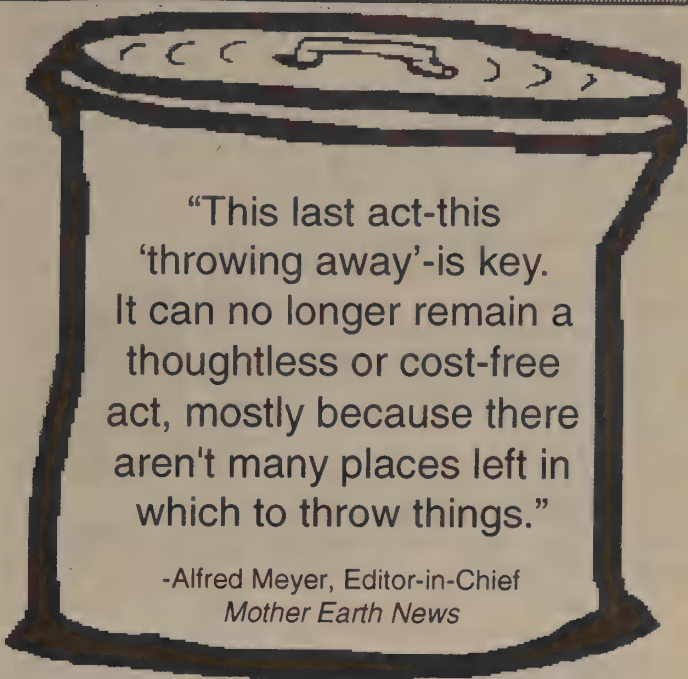
This new program was implemented to encourage people to help reduce waste in the landfills and to save the planet.

According to many recent studies, the nation's landfills are rapidly filling up. If something is not done soon, there will be no other option but to recycle.

Mrs. Barb Nussa, solid waste manager for Solid Waste Management, feels that since this program is so user friendly, it should be a success.

"I think it is an excellent program. It will be the largest city-wide recycling program in Indiana," she said.

For more information, call 427-1270 between the hours of 8-5 Monday through Friday and ask for Barb Nussa or Dawn Richie.



"This last act-this 'throwing away'-is key. It can no longer remain a thoughtless or cost-free act, mostly because there aren't many places left in which to throw things."

-Alfred Meyer, Editor-in-Chief
Mother Earth News

Ho, Ho, Ho!!!!



NATHANIEL RATCLIFFE PLAYS Santa Claus. Photo by Richard Ning.

Santa spreads holiday cheer among student body

ERIN MCATEE
News Editor

Today may be the last opportunity for redskins to have their picture taken with Santa Clause.

However, if enough students are still interested in having their picture taken, the last day will be moved to next week.

Students who had their picture taken with Santa received their picture in a frame with an inscription

on it for the low price of just \$2.

The perfect gift for that hard to shop for person in your life.

Student Council decided to do something different this year for Christmas.

"It's just a fun thing that we've never done before. We didn't know how it would go but we thought we'd give it a try," said Mrs. Laura Taliaferro, assistant principal.

Today, Santa will be visiting all lunch mods to give students another opportunity to sit on his lap.

Students have another opportunity to get into the holiday spirit with Santa Grams.

Sponsored by the North Side softball team, these messages sell for \$.50 and are on sale before school, after school, and during all lunch mods.

What a perfect way for students to wish that special someone or special friend a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Come out and buy some today and help to support the North Side softball team.

JAMIE FORD
News Reporter

The North Side Step Group performs dances from the past which are based on African heritage.

Students heard that stepping was popular in college fraternities and sororities and decided that they would form a step group.

LaToya Conwell, sophomore and captain, said that she thinks the group is good because it gives people something to do after school.

Before the students begin to step, they have a study session. "I feel homework is important. I want them to get their homework done first and then we'll step," she said.

Chasiti Falls, junior, said "We felt we needed something fun and a dance group we can relate to."

Mrs. Keeya Rodriguez, school assistant, said, "I think the students felt they needed something else

for African-Americans to participate in. They have fun and learn their roots."

The group meets every Tuesday and Thursday after school. They study until 3:30 and then begin to step.

The members have an attendance policy that they have to follow. If the students don't show up for practice, then they don't perform.

"The school thinks the step group is only for blacks but it is for all races."

-Tomara Oliver

They learn their routines from Chris Douse, a student at IPFW who works with the group.

Anyone can join the group, no matter what their ethnic background is.

"The school thinks the step group is only for blacks but it is for all races," said Tomara Oliver, sophomore.

It's not too late to join the group, just attend the meetings. The group is made up of 18 people, mostly females; however, they are trying very hard to get males interested in stepping.

Mrs. Lizzie Epps, guidance counselor, says that she feels the reason more males aren't active in the group is because sports take up most of their time. "They may also be intimidated by the females," she added.

The Step Group travels to the feeder middle schools, Lakeside and Northwood, to perform for the students there.

At North Side, they perform during half-time at basketball games. They hope to perform at the North Side vs. Snider game tonight.



STUDENTS POSE WITH Santa to get their picture taken. Photo by Chrissy Francies.

Closing lunch mods is becoming a reality

The threat of a closed lunch is once again upon us, but this time these threats are for real.

The student body should know that the administrators have undergone researching how to close the lunchroom. That doesn't mean that all of the administrators condone a closed lunch, it just means that if we as students don't shape-up, we're staying in for lunch.

Before the student body felt safe when they thought the school was merely threatening them, but now the threats could become a reality. The administrators have conjured up a plan to accommodate all of the students for a closed lunch.

If there are four mods then lunch will start at 11 a.m. and go until 1 p.m. If there are five mods then lunch will start at 10:30 a.m. and go until 1 p.m. So the reality of a closed lunch is just that. It could happen unless we as a school come together and fix the problems that we are creating when we go out to eat. This could be the last semester of McDonald's and Wendy's. If we don't shape-up, we all have to stay in for lunch starting next semester.

The things that need correcting are as follows: the horseplay in traffic, the smoking, the loitering, and most of all the littering. Businesses, neighbors, and passers-by have all been complaining of the evil that the out-to-lunch Skins have been creating.

A camera team caught some students during the lunch mods and showed it on a local station awhile ago. I was so embarrassed that students from here were caught on camera acting like little kids. It made me kind of mad that that minute portion of the student body was chosen to represent us when we go out to lunch.

The proposal of closing the bridge came up again. If we close the bridge the trouble will go back into the neighborhoods that surround the school. If we mandate a driving policy that takes care of most of the problems, but who wants to have the job of making sure that only cars leave the grounds?

The responsibility of an open lunch falls all on us. It's our lunch. That's it. Period. If we don't want the privilege then we should continue acting as we are. Each of us has to take the responsibility for this. If someone throws his or her cup on the ground, pick it up. If people are running out in front of you on Spy Run, honk and yell at them. It's our job to correct the situation, or we lose the privilege. It's that simple.



EDITORIAL

Danielle English
Editor-in-Chief

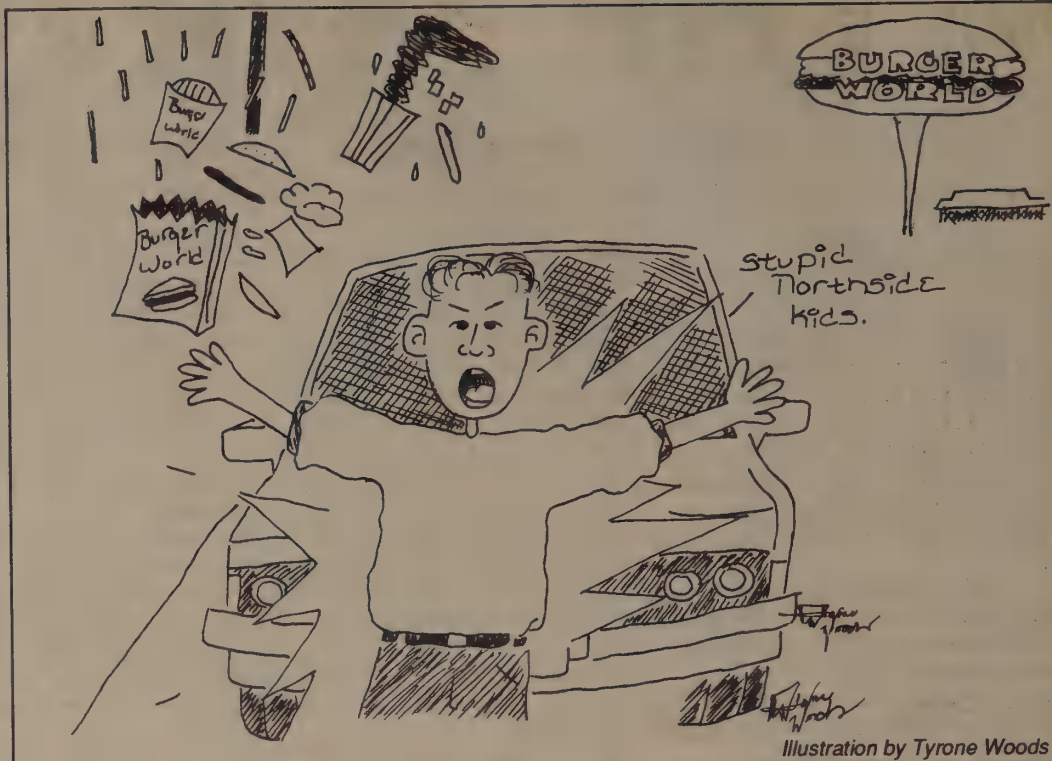


Illustration by Tyrone Woods

Writer encourages research of dog searches

Dear Editor,

I read with interest the article written by Mr. Ron Flickinger, and published in the December 2, 1994, issue of *The Northerner*. I absolutely defend anyone's right to express their opinion on any issue at anytime, utilizing any medium available to them, as long as the opinion is expressed in good taste.

Certainly, Mr. Flickinger's article meets that criteria. While I feel Mr. Flickinger eloquently expressed his point of view in the article entitled "Proposed drug dogs take a bite out of educational goals," I just happen to categorically disagree with that premise.

I believe the only question worthy of discussion regarding the implementation of a dog interdiction program in any school system is the following:

Is the mineral interference with a student or teacher's freedom of movement more important or less important than finding drugs and/or weapons in the school setting, and/or the more real potential for deterring the presence of these items through a real fear of detection on the part of the individuals in the minority who daily infringe on the rights of those in the majority by introducing these disruptive dangerous elements into the educational environment of the school?

I have extensively researched this issue for over a year and have spoken at length with professionals across the country during that time in effort to obtain both the positive and the negative aspects of such a program.

After digesting the vast amount of information I received, I was able to affirmatively answer the

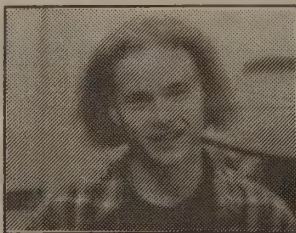
aforementioned question for myself. I continue to view the dog interdiction program as developed by the Fort Wayne Police Department and Fort Wayne Community Schools as a viable, pro-active concept, worthy of implementation.

In closing, all of us must make decisions each day on issues that may directly affect our lives. As an educator, I encourage you to collect all available information concerning this program so that you may also formulate a truly educated opinion for yourself as you attempt to answer the aforementioned question. Please be reminded that I am always available to answer any of your questions concerning this concept and/or any other issue that may fall within my purview.

John H. Weicker
Security Coordinator

Off the Record...

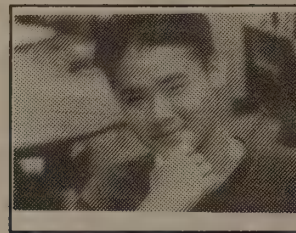
"What is the biggest problem with the open lunch policy?"



Jeremy Gibson, sophomore
"People don't have enough self-control to handle the responsibility."



Monika Biggs, freshman
"We need more time."



Thang Tran, sophomore
"There's a problem!"



Tyko Williams, junior
"They don't make enough food and there's not enough room."



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Teenage mothers learn how to juggle school, raise baby

ARDUA HARRIS
Features co-editor

In one word, she was devastated.
That is how Shawnta Jefferson, junior, described her reaction when she found out she was pregnant.

Shawnta is only one of 500,000 teenage girls across the United States who find themselves in this predicament each year.

She said, "I was worried about how I was going to support this baby and who was going to offer me moral support."

Shawnta was only a freshman when she learned she was pregnant.

"I didn't have to consider my options. I decided immediately that I was going to keep my baby."

Her decision echoes two-thirds of all pregnant teens who decide against abortion.

Michelle Ladd, junior, understands how Shawnta felt. She is now the mother of six-month-old Christopher Lynn Jennies. "It's not just me anymore. Whatever he needs, comes first," she said.

The girls have had to make major adjustments in their lives because of their babies. Gone are the days of hanging out with friends on Saturday nights. Gone is the freedom of just doing what they want when they want.

"I don't miss the freedom because I made the choice not to protect myself. I live my life around the schedule my daughter [Keiona Harrison] has put upon me," Shawnta said.

Nicole Pauley, senior and mother of 15 month old Darrian Krause, said, "The biggest adjustment in my life has been the giving up of my sleep. I can't sleep anymore!"

One of the greatest struggles these girls now face is the problem of how to juggle school work and still meet the needs of their babies.

Mr. Ron Flickinger, guidance counselor, said there used to be a policy at North Side about four or five years ago that stated if students were involved in some behavior that interfered with school, the student was removed from school. Pregnancy fell under this category. That policy has since been changed.

Mr. Flickinger said, "Why does the female have to suffer the consequences of an action that involved two people?"

Now, North Side recognizes the special needs of teenage mothers. "We waive the six period day if the girl needs time to be home with her baby,"

said Mr. Flickinger.
Michelle said, "I don't think North Side understands. When my baby is sick, it's hard to find a babysitter. They want you here every day."

She added that teachers don't understand that she, along with other teenage mothers, cannot stay after school.

"It's hard to juggle work, school, and a baby," said Nicole.

"My son will always come

these girls as if they have a contagious disease.

"I had some supportive friends and some friends who all of a sudden disappeared," said Shawnta. "If they were truly my friends, they would see me as me, not a pot-bellied teen mother. I was and will always be the same old Shawnta."

She continued, "Some parents were afraid I would rub off on their kids. What they don't understand was that if their kids wanted to have sex, they were going to do it regardless of any influence I might have upon them."

The future is uncertain for these mothers and others like them. Statistics say an average of only five percent of teenage mothers get college degrees compared with 47 percent of those 25 or older.

"I have a hard time seeing my future," said Shawnta. "I plan on going to college and being a journalist. I want to make sure Keiona does the things I didn't get to do."

Michelle also wants to go to college. "If I had it to do all over again, I'd do things differently," she said. "I don't regret my son, but I would have waited. Now I have a life-time of responsibility. Everything has changed."

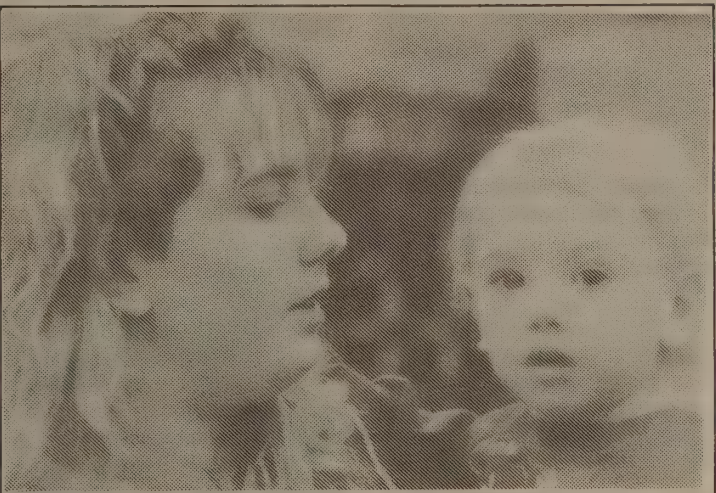
Statistics taken from the Oct. 24, 1994 issue of People magazine

"If I had to do it all over again . . . I would have waited. Now I have a lifetime of responsibility."

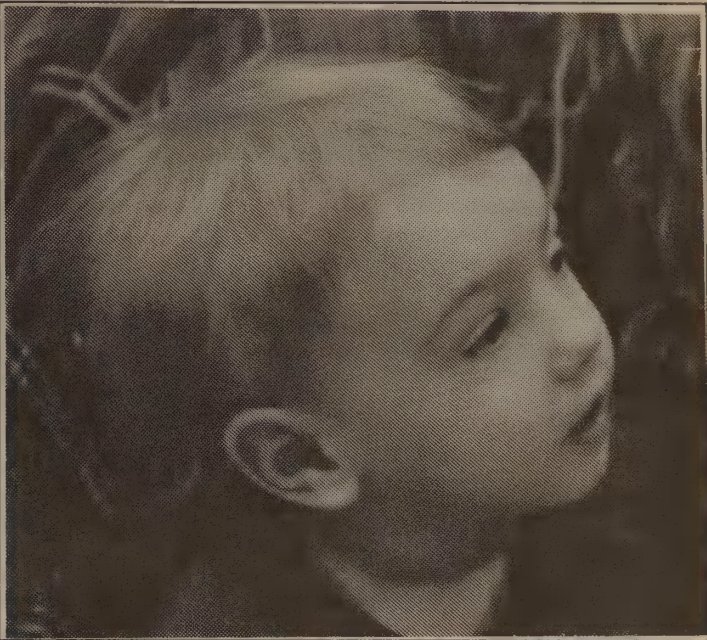
Michelle Ladd, junior

first, no matter what. If he's sick, I stay home from school. He goes to bed around 9 or 9:30 so I do my homework after he's in bed."

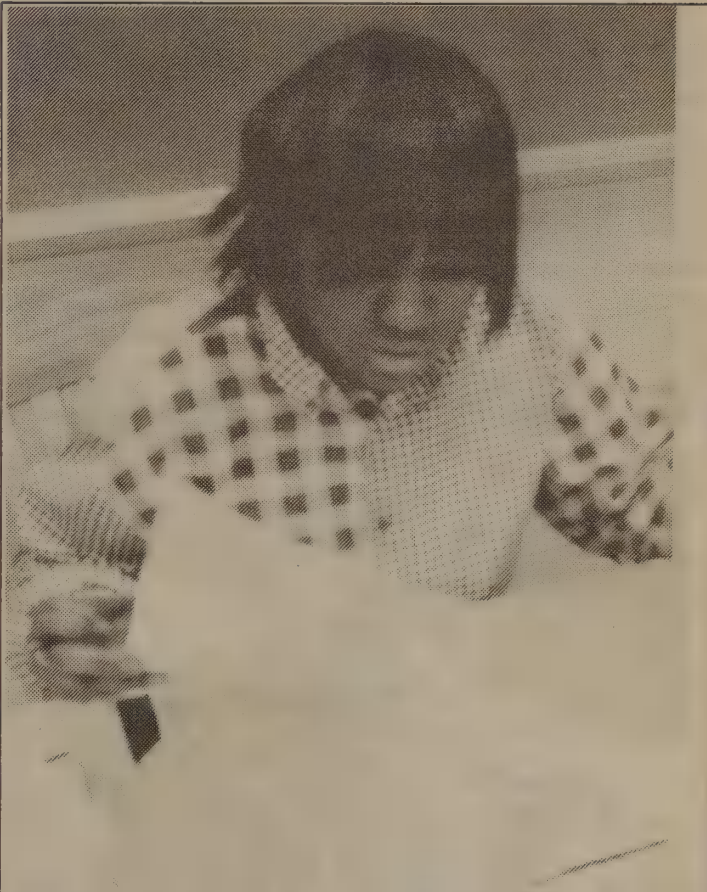
Teenage mothers have become more and more a common occurrence, but some people still view



SENIOR NICOLE PAULEY plays with her son Darrian. Nicole works hard to keep up with her schoolwork and her child. *Photo by Richard Ning*



LIKE ANY 15 month old child, Darrian requires constant care and attention. *Photo by Richard Ning*



ALISA ROYAL, JUNIOR, studies during her English class. Alisa had a baby last year and struggles to be a student and a mother at the same time.

FACTS ABOUT PREGNANCY

- According to the 1994 Information Please Almanac, 10.7 thousand births were made by girls under the age of 15. In the same report, 350,000 births occurred by girls ages 15-19.
- In the April '92 issue of Seventeen, it reported that more than a million teenagers get pregnant yearly. Among them, 50% have abortions. Of the other 50%, 96% keep their babies and 4% opt for adoption.
- In the same report, 80% of teenagers who get pregnant before the age of 21 did not intend to do so.
- In a January '94 article of U.S.A Today, it stated that about 68% of adolescent births are to white teenage mothers.

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Redskins beat 4th in state, 20th in nation

DEREK RITTENHOUSE
Sports Reporter

The Redskin basketball team beat the Warsaw Tigers last Saturday night 64-62. The Tigers were ranked 4th in the state and USA Today ranked them 20th in the nation.

North was down 17 points at one time in the game but they managed to come back and pull off the victory.

"We tried to tell them that it wasn't over and that they shouldn't give up. Our kids never give up, but I think they just need to hear that it isn't over and that we can still win the game," said Coach Glen Heaton.

"Coach told us that we shouldn't give up and that the game wasn't over. We had to keep our heads in the game and we had concentrate on winning the game," said senior Keion Brooks.

Heaton said, "The game was very close, and I think we just scrapped, clawed and fought our way back in the game. With about two minutes left in the game we realized that we were back in the game and we had a good chance of winning."

With the clock running down senior Corey Roberts was trapped in the corner. He dished the ball to senior guard Keion Brooks who unloaded the ball from 10 feet away with just 1.9 seconds left on the clock for the game

winner.

"I knew Corey was in trouble, and I knew he was trying to get the ball to me. When he did get it to me the only thing I thought about was the clock and making the shot," said Brooks.

"It didn't set in until a couple of minutes after the buzzer sounded that I scored the winner," added Brooks.

Coach Heaton said, "I think Keion did a good job of looking at the clock and taking a couple of dribbles to get closer to the basket and then shooting the ball and making it."

Keion ended up with 17 points and 2 steals.

"Corey is very poised, and the thing we were worried about is that he might force a pass and then a Warsaw player would pick it up and go down and score," said Heaton.

Corey finished the night with 13 points and 2 steals.

According to Coach Heaton, Clifton Dickerson made one of the key plays in the game. Brodie Ewert went down and scored on a 3 point play and then Dickerson went down the court and scored and drew the fifth foul on Ewert.

Clifton ended the game with 13 points and 3 steals.

The next challenge for the Redskins will be tonight against the Snider Panthers. Game time for the varsity squad is 8 p.m.



ADAM LAUER, SENIOR, listens to Coach Dave Welkin critique his performance after the 100 yard backstroke at the meet last Thursday.

The plan of attack



COACH TANYA BURNS-COHRs goes over a play during a time-out during the girls' basketball game last Thursday. The team beat the South Side Archers 63-47. Photo by Jana Farrell.

Swimmers beat South Adams despite small team

CHRISTY MILLS
Sports Reporter

The guys' swimming team had their first meet last Thursday and defeated South Adams 84-61, but lost to Belmont.

Mr. Dave Welkin, coach, said, "I was very pleased with the way they swam. They all did a good job."

The team was lead by three strong relay teams. The relays placed first in the 200 medley relay and second in the 200 and the 400 freestyle relays.

Adam Lauer, senior, had the leading individual times for the team. In the 100 yard butterfly, he placed first with a time of 101.7. He also placed first in the 100 yard backstroke with a time of 100.26.

Jason Ehlerding, senior, had an exceptional time of 24 seconds in the 50 free style, "which is really good for the first meet," said Adam. All of the swimmers hope to quicken their times until they have reached their goals.

Coach Welkin said that the team swam to their ability in the meet.

He said, "They were thinking more physically and mentally. There weren't any false starts or disqualifications."

To prepare for the meet, Coach Welkin said that the guys worked on the "old fashioned techniques" such as hard work and a lot of mental preparations.

The team also worked on swimming distances, which helps increase endurance, which helped him not to get worn out too quickly in their meets, and endurance.

The final score of the meet was 84-61. Coach Welkin said he was really satisfied with the score and that the team did better than he had ex-

pected. He said, "There was a lot of quality in the swimmers."

Adam said they were surprised to beat South Adams since "they had more swimmers than we did but, we had more endurance."

"It just showed people that even though we only have seven members, we can still do a lot," said Adam, talking about only having seven members and still beating South Adams.

On the downside, Chris Straub, senior, said that it would be nice to have more fans at the meets to help cheer them on.

The team's next meet is at 7pm on January 4 against Concordia at Crossroads.

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College credit hours offered to students

JAMIE FORD
News Reporter

Fort Wayne Community Schools and IPFW are offering a three credit hour course for juniors and seniors who are in the top half of their class.

The class will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Anthis Career Center downtown January 10 through May 4 from 3 to 4:15 p.m.

This Political Science course offers an introduction to the ideas, institutions, policies, processes, and people which have made the American political experiment.

The class will focus on the historical development of the American government, and the question of whether or not the experiment has succeeded.

Part of the sessions will be taught by IPFW professor Dr. Elliot Bartky in the FWCS TV studio and the other half will be recieved with the two-way audio and video over cable television, with an IPFW teaching assistant in the studio.

The cost of the class is \$249.45 plus textbook fee. Textbooks can be purchased at Follett's Bookstore, Kettler Hall IPFW. Tuition is due January 4 in the Continuing Education Office, Walb Student Union, room 221.

Mr. Ron Flickinger, guidance counselor, applied to the Alumni Association for financial aid for five students. Mr. Flickinger hopes to get \$1,000 and offer \$200 to five students.

The credits earned through the class can be used at IPFW or transferred to any other university. The credits will be transferred to another school through college applications.

Students must have a recommendation from a guidance counselor or principal and be in the top half of their class.

Mr. Flickinger said, "I think the class is good for two reasons. First, it shows people that high school students are intellectual enough to take a college course. Second, it gives students an advanced taste of college life."

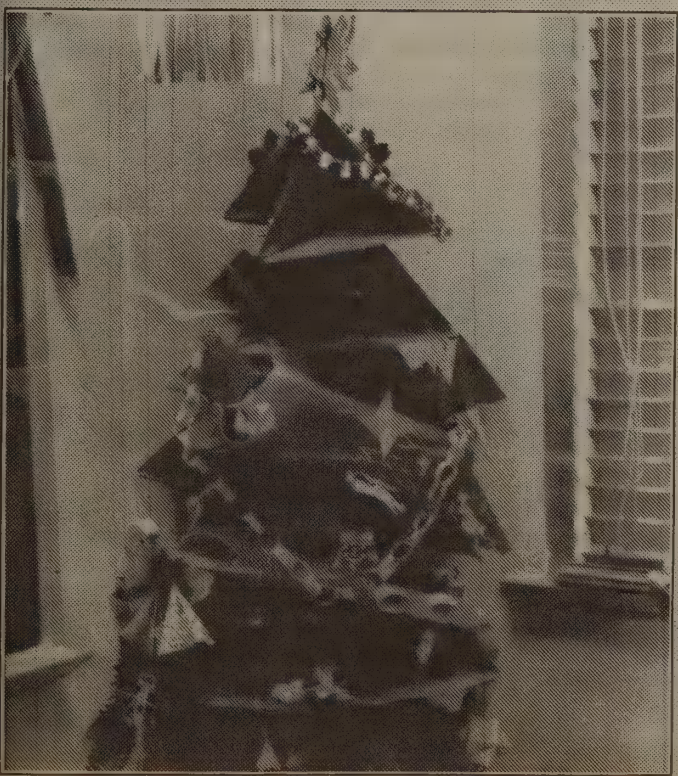
He also said he suspects the class will be offered again next year and is hoping North Side will be a major supplier of students to the course.

■ Take a bow



MR. ED KING takes a bow after the band finishes a performance at last weeks annual winter concert. Photo by Richard Ning.

■ A Japanese Christmas



A JAPANESE CHRISTMAS tree on display in Mrs. Gerber's room. All of the decorations were made by her students. Photo by Jason Tearnan.

Reflections winners are announced

ERIN MCATEE
News Editor

Winners of the state level will be displayed for the Convention of the Indiana PTA in May in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Folds would like to wish everyone who has gone on to this level, the best of luck.

Jill Hudson, senior, said that she entered her drawing because it was her favorite one. "I enjoy drawing with chalk more than any other form of visual art."

She later added that she would like to take her money to Arizona and spend it all, the whole ten dollars.

Ben Meyer, senior, doesn't feel much different about winning. "I feel more confident going off to college because I know I'll have to do a lot of writing there. Before, I felt that my writing skills lacked. Now my creative writing class has helped me correct that."

Laura Kahn, junior, said she is happy about winning. "It's nice to know that what I'm writing is pretty good and that someone else can see it too. I'm honored to represent North Side with so many other talented people."

Laura said that she plans to use her money to put gas in her car.

The 1994-95 PTSA Reflections program "was sucessful," according to Mrs. Toni Folds, PTSA president, with 21 entries from North Side in three of the four areas.

With the theme "Dare to Discover...", nine winners were selected to go on to the next level of competition.

After the initial selection of winners, there was no judging at the city level.

All of the students who entered the contest have received a certificate of participation from the PTSA. The winners have been awarded a ribbon and \$10 cash.

Hosted by the Fort Wayne PTA Council, a reception will be held for all the winnerson January 14.

The winning entries will be on display for the public at Memorial Park Middle School at 2200 Maumee Ave.

After this display, the entries will travel to Indianapolis for the state competition.

1994
Reflections
Winners

Photography
Christina Baker
Jason Mears
Jason Hemsoth

Visual Arts
Jill Hudson
Tyrone Woods
Erin Goff

Literature
Ben Meyer
Sara Schriefer
Laura Kahn

Religion can teach valuable lessons about cultures, history

Religion is defined in the dictionary as being a belief in a divine, superhuman power or powers to be obeyed and worshiped as the creator and ruler of the universe.

The question faced here is, can we discuss this "divine creator" at school?

There are so many religions out there, but Christianity is the most commonly practiced. People get into wars over religion, they shun each other because of their faith, and some people even choose their mate based on that person's religion.

Why is religion so important to people?

Religion is important to many because without religion so many things would not be in existence. Did you know that most civilizations were based on a religious community?

Encouragement must be given to those who make the curricula of the public schools to introduce courses explicitly designed to compare and contrast diverse points of view on religious issues. The majority of students have yet to be exposed to Judaism, Buddhism, or Hinduism and many other religions. A recent survey done by Albert Shapiro said that close to 80 percent of students have yet to study religion.

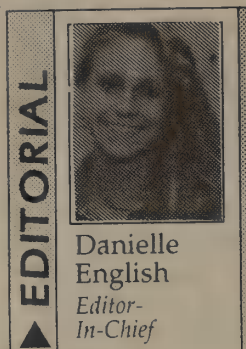
Why haven't we studied or been exposed to these types of cultures? Isn't religion part of our history and, therefore, part of us and our future? I think we deserve to learn about the world's religions and other cultures as well.

Notice I said learn and not practice. That is one thing that I don't condone. Religion does have its place in school, but forced prayer doesn't. There is a difference between the two.

Prayer makes others feel uncomfortable. Who wants to sit through a prayer addressed to a God that they don't believe in?

Having knowledge about a religion is helpful and allows a person to see things in from another's view point. Who doesn't like to know what someone is talking about when they say I had to repent or go to a christening. Being informed makes one less ignorant, and that, obviously, is a good thing.

In essence, the knowledge of religions is good, but required prayer in school is not.



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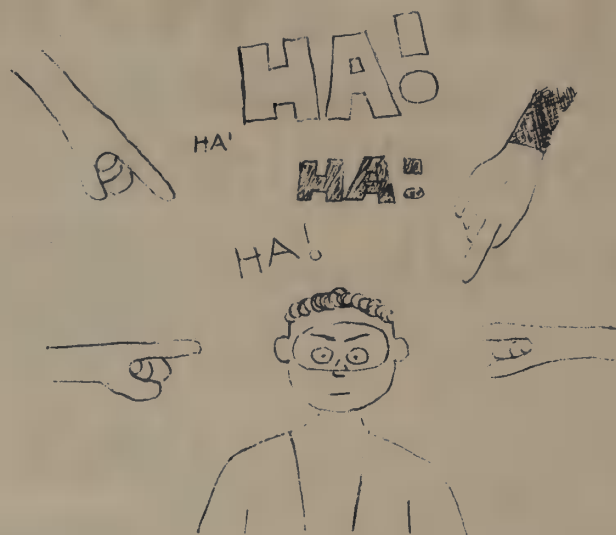


Illustration by Tyrone Woods

Mask reveals weakness in society

LUCAS PERKINS
Guest Columnist

Scant six weeks ago, I spontaneously decided to make a mask out of a paper towel and tape it to my face.

At first, this was merely for amusement, but after experiencing the reactions of my classmates.

The mask took on a crusade-like quality, inspiring me to wear this mask for the rest of the day.

I had decided to find out how far one could go with their physical appearance before being labeled as a freak.

Of course, I am far from the first to do something different with my physical appearance, but I took on this venture with an almost purely scientific outlook (I'll admit, it was awfully fun), in order to try and unravel the mystery of "socially accept-

able" appearance.

The reactions of people to my masked-ness were varied, and I think they accurately illustrate the way in which the majority of people think.

Some people, either those I knew or those who were candid with strangers, said right up front, "What the heck are you doing, you freak?", in a half-humorous interrogative manner.

I simply couldn't give them a satisfactory answer without revealing my quasi-scientific motives.

Others, slightly more reserved than the first group (that, or less interested) stared, smiled, chuckled and went about their business.

Then there were those who either found it normal so took no note, or were just completely oblivious (there are quite a few of those in our society).

Basically, my appearance

was defining me, instead of my personal mettle.

What does this say about people in general?

Well, hopefully not a whole lot, seeing as we really shouldn't judge the many by the actions of the few, but it may give us a tad bit of useful insight.

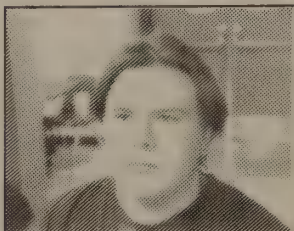
We are living in a world (an attending a school), where physical appearances can be a deciding factor in every facet of our lives, and we must be both accepting of this and railing against it.

Simply put, we must recognize the virus in our system for what it is, and stop it from affecting us in harmful manner.

Unchecked, we may degenerate into a judgemental, parasitic society unfit for anyone, even those considered "normal."

Off the Record...

"How do you feel about religion in school?"



Chris Rowan, senior
"I think that would be fine if every religion was represented."



Melissa Palmer, senior
"I feel that as long as no one is offended religious practices should be permitted."



Jenifer Brown, junior
"Even though it was a right taken away from students, I am against it because of the segregating it would cause."



Tanga Mitchell, senior
"I feel that religion should be permitted in school, but that students should not be forced to practice it."



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How do you celebrate the holidays?

"Sometimes we have Grandma over and we eat ham or turkey or something."—Jeff Kayser, Junior

"We go to our grandma's."—Ryan Voors, Junior

"We get together and pick out names and we give that person a present."—Rochelle Thomas, Junior

"Usually we stay up real late on Christmas Eve; then open presents really late. If we don't, my brother will wake up my parents really, really early."—Jo Ellen Cambell, Junior

"Wake up, open gifts, family comes over, sip on a little egg-nog, and watch T.V."—Pete Smith, Junior

"Get up in the morning, go downstairs, hang out with your family, and open presents when you already know what they are 'cause you know Santa doesn't exist. Now I'm all depressed."—Morgan Godat, Senior

"Nothing, I'm not Christian."—Chris Rowan, Senior

"During the day we go to my mom's side. At night we go to my dad's side. At midnight we go to church, and at 1:00 or 2:00 we open presents."—Jessica Helmke, Junior

"We have a traditional Christmas."—Tuan Tran, Senior

"We celebrate Christmas for at least two weeks, and that includes a lot of big dinners, gift giving, and charity work. Of course, we always go to church on Christmas Eve. We build big fires in the fireplace and sing Christmas carols badly."—Mrs. Vicki Davis, Art teacher

"I celebrate it with family. We go tobogganning each year at Pokagon and have lots of snowball fights."—Jeromy Graft, Senior

"Usually we go to Florida to visit my grandparents. On Christmas day night we play Pig, a dice game."—Laura Helmke, Senior

Quotes collected by Lucas Perkins

Holiday celebrations vary between religious groups

AARON MARTZ
Features Reporter

Christmas is a religious holiday like many others, but each religion has its own beliefs, customs, and traditions to perform during the holiday season.

"It's a time to reflect on the year to come," said Chris Rowan, senior, who is of the Wicca religion, a Pagan religion.

"Just a time to think about yourself and those around you."

He went on to say, "Basically it is a worshipping of the Gods and Goddesses and throughout the year they take on different aspects of nature, and the Yule (celebrated on the winter solstice) celebrates the birth of the God."

Ian Crace, also of a Pagan religion, had this to say, "(Paganism) is a group of religions in which people worship the earth and the forces of nature."

He said, "We call it (Christmas) Yule and most of our traditions for Christmas are derived from ancient Pagan practices."

Some of the customs of their religion include a ritual called "The

Wheel of the Year" which looks at the different seasons of the time to come. Others include "Boasting" which is very similar to presenting a New Year's resolution, and like New Year's resolutions, they are often broken.

James Harwell, senior, is a Deist, a religion that believes in one God, who after creating the world and the laws that govern it, refrains from interfering with the operation of those laws, and that rejects every kind of supernatural intervention in human affairs.

James celebrates the holidays just like a normal family.

He said, "I celebrate the holidays for my mother's religion. I could decide that Buddhism is the religion for me and not celebrate the holidays. There are no real beliefs (in Deism)."

He continued in saying, "All religions seem to be built around ignorance, trying to explain things we do not know, but there are some things I believe God could only do, so you have to have some faith. Deism is just my way of saying I haven't decided yet. And when I decide what religion I can believe or do believe, I will join it, I'll join that church."

Mall offers shopping variety

RITA MAGSAMEN
JAMIE FORD
Staff Writers

Deck the malls with charge it fever, Fa la la la la, la la la la....

Just deciding where to shop can be a hassle. For those of you who wait until Christmas Eve to do your shopping, you might have a hard time finding exactly what you want for a good price.

Teana Jahn, junior, shops at Service Merchandise and Sears. "[I shop at] Sears because they have good clothes and I usually find a good bargain there, and Service Merchandise sells neat jewelry," she said.

"I like to go to Spencer's because of the unusual and neat gifts," Nate Ratcliff, senior said.

For people on your list who like to read, books are definitely a novel idea. Places like Wal-Mart and Meijer even give an extra 10 to 15 percent off. You can find a wide selection of books at Waldenbooks, Reader's World, and B. Dalton; all of which are located at Glenbrook Square.

Calendars for the new year are also a hit. They are easy to find and a good buy. The best person to get this for is that one who always forgets the most important dates, (like your birthday, anniversary, etc.) They come in all varieties and have a selection of the finest photos that range from cats to trains. Some even come with little

memos or a joke a day.

If you come to a point where no idea comes to mind, opt for a gift certificate in any denomination you feel the recipient worthy of.

Finally, for those with tight budgets, there is the Dollar 1 where everything is (surprise) a dollar (plus tax). This is also the perfect place to get your stocking stuff wrapping paper, tape, scissors, bows, etc.

Now that you have exhausted yourself by fighting your way through the crowds, you might want to stop at McDonalds on your way home. Here they have their annual Holiday Film Fest where, for a limited time only, you can buy a video for only \$5.99 (after purchasing a large sandwich).

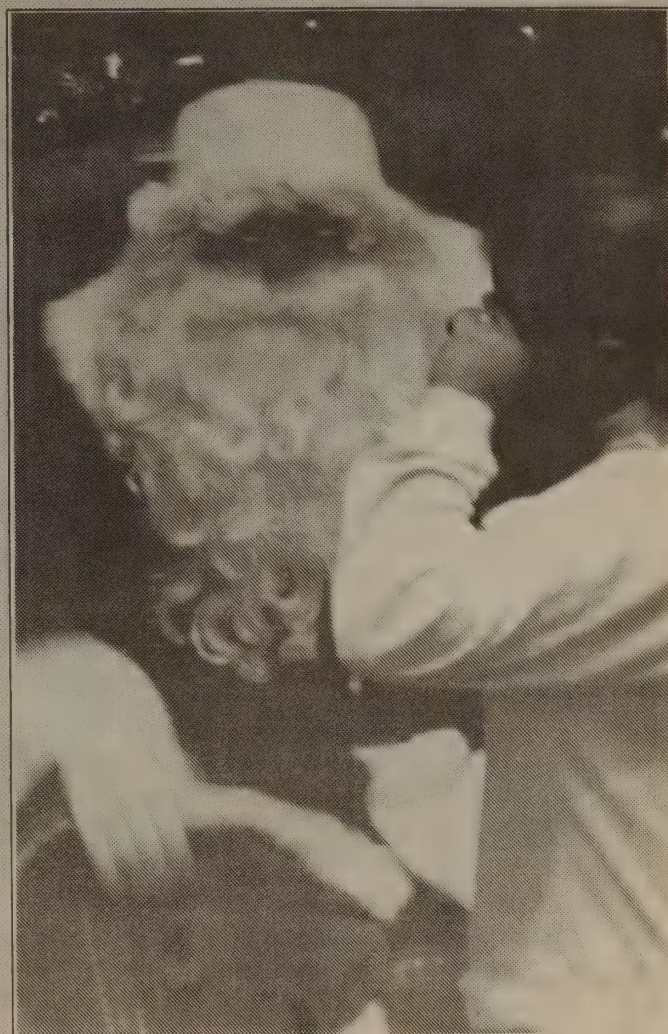
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■ Merry Christmas!



THERE ARE ONLY two more days left for everyone to tell Santa Claus what they want for Christmas! His last day at the mall is Christmas Eve. Photo by Richard Ning



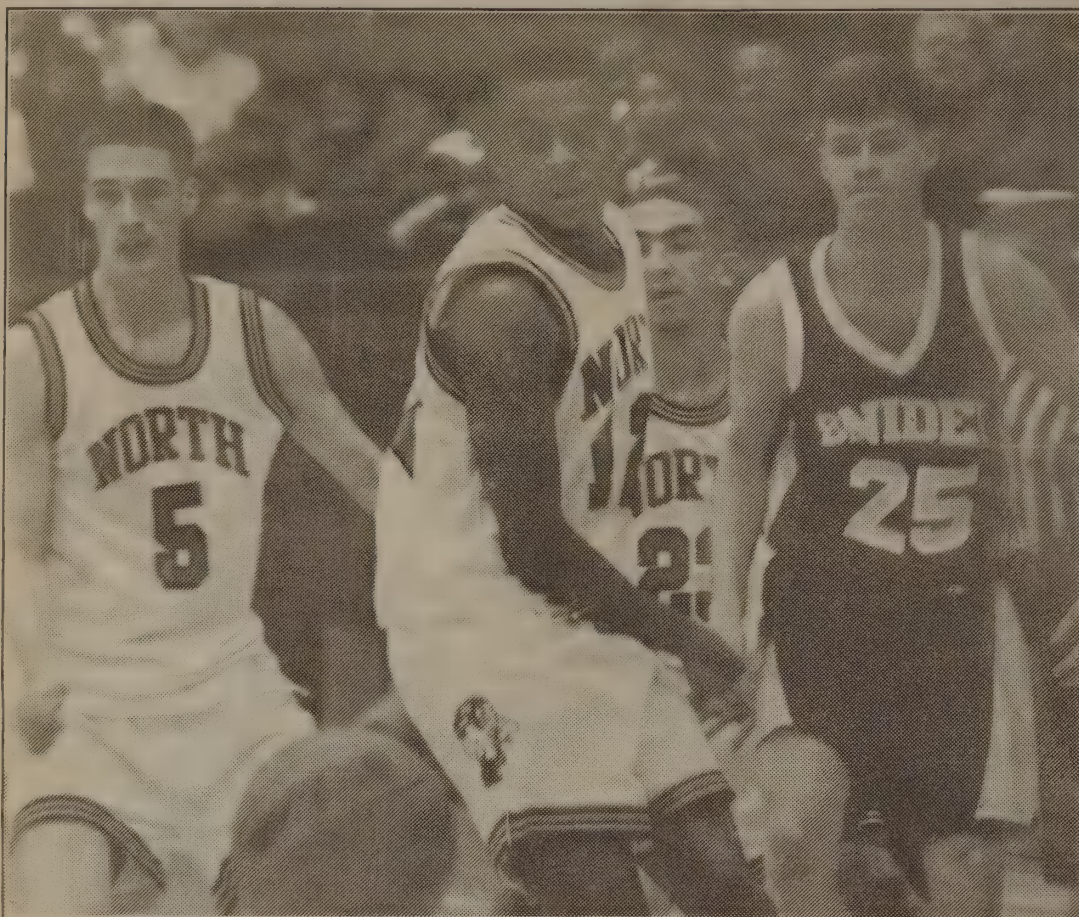
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Shamu TV: Discovering Whales, Friday, January 6, at 11 a.m.

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LEADING SCORER KEION Brooks receives the pass during last Friday's game against Snider. Photo by Chrissy Fancies.

Boys beat Snider, learn from loss to Muncie South

DEREK RITTENHOUSE
Sports Reporter

Last Friday night the Snider Panthers became the latest victims of the boys' basketball team.

The Redskins beat them 82-54. North jumped out 24-7 in the first quarter. Senior Keion Brooks had 18 points, senior Ty Winn scored 15 points, and senior Charnier Corey added another 12 points for North.

On Tuesday the Redskins hosted Muncie South and were beaten by the score of 86-66. Muncie is ranked 13th in the state.

Coach Glen Heaton said, "Losing to Muncie South, in any way, is not a disgrace by any means. I think we played very well the first half, and then Muncie South out-played us in the second half. Muncie turned up their defence in the second half and we tried to get the ball inside, but we threw the ball away some and that added to their momentum."

"The second half killed us. We played well in the first half but then we gave up a few key turnovers that Muncie capitalized on. The third quarter we gave up the ball too many

times," said senior Corey Roberts. Corey ended up with 20 points.

"We played well in the first half but then we let Muncie take advantage of our mistakes in the second half," said senior Ty Winn. Winn finished the game with 26 points.

"Corey and Ty probably played the best games they ever have at North. There are always bright spots and I think they were one of the bright spots as well as the way we played in the first half," said Heaton.

Preparation will be the key to the next couple of games for the Redskins.

Coach Heaton said, "We're going to watch some film of the second half and analyze what went wrong. But the key thing for us is that when we play a team as well as Muncie South, we have to be disciplined and learn not to make the key mistakes that we did against them."

During Christmas vacation, the team will be playing in the annual SAC Holiday Tournament at Northrop High School.

The Redskins will take on Bishop Luers on December 28 at 9:00 a.m.

Wrestlers pin way to 6-4

CHRISTY MILLS
Sports Reporter

The wrestling team rumbled their way to the top last Tuesday and Wednesday to defeat East Noble and the New Haven Bulldogs. Their record now stands at 6-4.

"We did real well," said Terrance Holiday, sophomore. "We had a lot of good pins. We keep improving, but we still have a long way to go."

"New Haven was expected to be a much better team than East Noble, so we were very happy to beat them," said Mike Elett, sophomore.

Although the team had a slow start by losing two in a row to Northrop and Carroll, they plan to recover it as they keep improving themselves as time progresses.

"Each meet we step up a notch. It just takes time," said Ben Gleason, sophomore.

"We work more together as a team. Instead of concentrating on our own record's like we were at the start of the season, we look more at how to improve the team's record," said Ben.

Chris Svarczkopf, head coach for Redskin wrestlers, is most impressed with the accomplishments of sophomore, Abe Hackett.

"He dropped his weight to where he is most competitive and he brings in some nice wins."

The team's record is 6-4 and

2-3 in the SAC. The individual record's for a few of the wrestlers are Dan Myers, senior, is 10-2 with seven pins, Zeke Easton, junior, is 10-3 with six pins, Mike Becker, sophomore, is 10-4 also with six pins, Mike Elett, sophomore, has seven pins, and Terrance Holiday's record is 8-4.

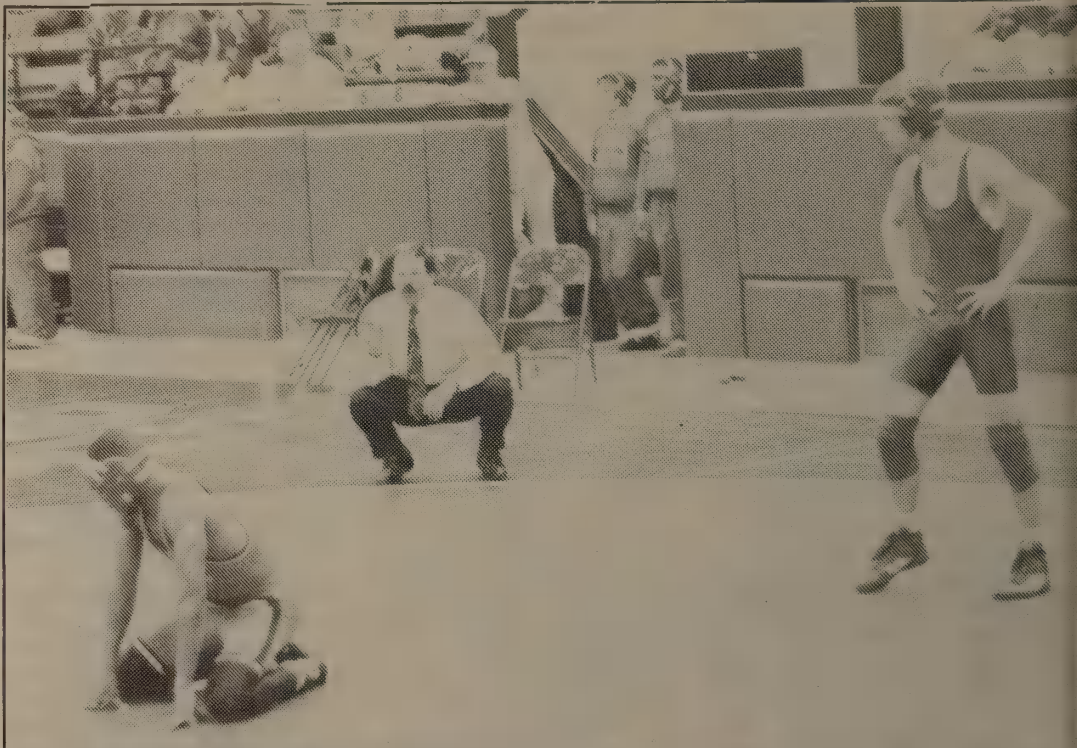
Coach Svarczkopf said that one of the good things about the team is the fact that there aren't any star wrestlers.

The guys on the team learn more from Coach Svarczkopf coaching techniques than just winning and some wrestling moves.

"He teaches us not just to win but, more of a learning experience of life," said Ben.

This year's team is more coachable and active and really gets their spirits going better than previous team's said Coach Svarczkopf.

The Redskins next wrestling meet is at Wayne against Concordia, Harding, and Wayne on Saturday, January 7.



TERENCE HOLIDAY, SOPHOMORE, receives some pointers from Coach Svarczkopf before his match against a New Haven wrestler. Photo by Jake Garringer.

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Stein performs at Hall of Fame Bowl in Tampa, Florida during pre-game show

KATY JORDAN
Managing Editor

While most people were fighting the cold weather over Christmas vacation, senior Amy Stein was working hard in the sunshine of Tampa, Florida.

Amy was one of three girls chosen from the North Side cheerleading squad to participate in a pre game show at the Hall of Fame Bowl before the Wisconsin vs Duke game, which was broadcast on ESPN. However, the other two girls were unable to participate because of reasons beyond their control.

In order to be chosen, the girls had to demonstrate leadership skills, hard work, commitment to the activity, and the ability to catch on to routines quickly.

The cost of the trip was partially paid for with the exception of the plane ticket and the hotel.

Amy said, "Most of the meals were paid for and the organization gave the girls their uniforms, T-shirts, and bags."

Amy, along with the other girls in attendance, had one day to learn the 2.5 minute dance routine that they performed in front of thousands of people.

From 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. the girls learned the steps and had one 30 minute break for lunch.

She said, "It was really neat [performing the dance] because there was a huge football in the middle of the field where we were dancing, and when the routine was over, it exploded, [which was part of the show.]"

On her second day of the trip, she was given a pass to the three different parks at Disney World. While there, she went to the newly opened restaurant Planet Hollywood.

She said, "We had to wait an hour and a half to be seated, but it was worth it. The building was shaped like a globe and had a lot of things in it from different movies. I didn't see anybody famous, but the waiter said that he was [famous.]"

For Amy, the worst part of the trip was the two hour layover in St.

Louis, Missouri.

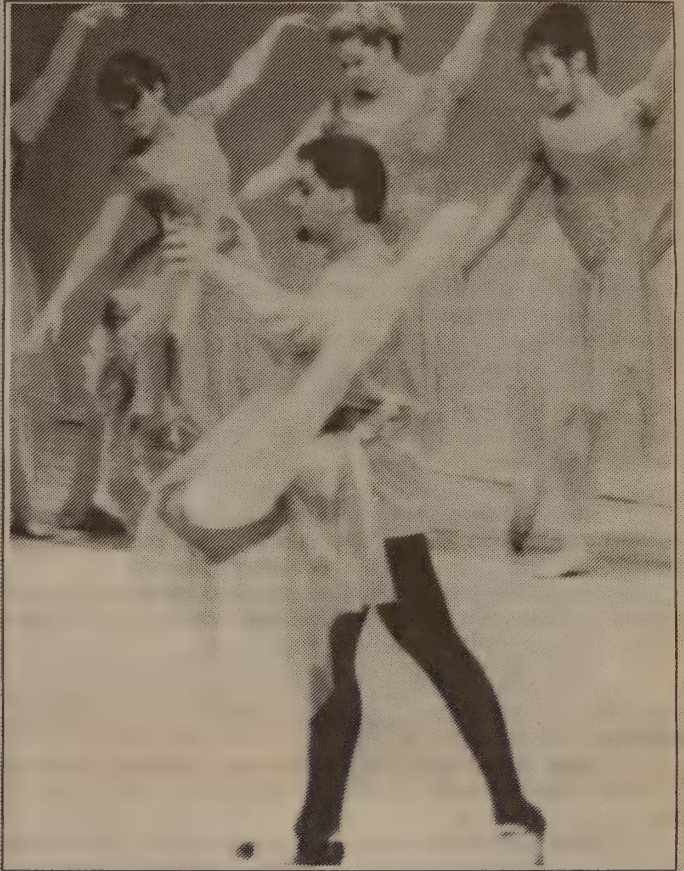
She said, "There was nice weather in Florida, and it was a lot of fun meeting new people, but I was worn out and just wanted to get home. The first day we were on our feet all day learning the dance, and we had to perform that night. Then the next day we were on our feet all day at Disney World. It was fun, but it was very exhausting. I was worn out."

She added, "I missed the snow, and I wanted to go skiing. It was also my first big trip away from home alone, and when it was time to go back, I was ready."

Amy said though that the whole thing was a good experience for her. She said, "It taught me more about how to cooperate with others to get something done, and I represented a whole state of our nation. I also had a chance to meet people from all over the United States from as far away as California and Oregon."

For Amy, it was a learning experience and a lot of fun at the same time.

With Grace and Style



MEMBERS OF DANCE Independent Study perform at the holiday assembly before Christmas break. Photo by Jason Tearman

A Rush For Time



STUDENTS HURRY TO their cars during lunch in order to be able to make it back to school on time. Open lunch mods may not be a privilege starting next semester. Photo by Jason Tearman

Project XL deadline closing in, still time to enter contest

ERIN MCATEE
News Editor

Although the Project XL competition is under way, students still have time to begin and complete their projects.

High school students who are interested in art, music, writing, video making, acting, dancing, or public speaking should enter in this contest, according to Mr. Skip Sarguine, Public Relations Manager for the project.

Mr. Sarguine feels that "if students have something important to say about the future of our generation, they should enter this competition, even if they've never entered any competition in the past."

The main theme for this year's contest is "Project Yourself Into the Future."

Ten finalist will be chosen to attend the State Finals in Indianapolis

in March. Students will be chosen from each of the following six categories: writing, video arts, poster design, original music, fine art, and performance (which includes everything from speech to drama).

First, second, and third place winners will receive \$1500, \$1000, and \$500 respectively, and some students will be on a statewide television show.

First place winners will receive their trophies and prizes at the Boys Basketball State Finals at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis.

Students can turn in their entries between January 23 and January 27 at the nearest Farm Bureau Insurance office.

Funding for the project comes from Farm Bureau Insurance and is sponsored by the Indiana High School Athletic Association.

Extremists go off deep end

Talk about going off of the deep end. Man-oh-man, some of these anti-abortion extremists are just that, extreme, and they need to chill out.

This is not an editorial on pro-choice or anti-abortion. It is on the extremist attitudes of some of the anti-abortion people. The abortion issue itself is an entirely different editorial.

John Salvi III, 22, shot seven people and killed two at an abortion clinic in Massachusetts last week. What is dumb about the whole situation is that he killed two receptionists. "The whole point of the killings was to supposedly stop the doctors from performing the abortions and save the lives of the unborn children. However, he didn't do this. All he did was kill two innocent workers. What a complete waste. This extremist was a little too wacko. He was caught when he did another attack on a second clinic in Norfolk, Virginia. The guy stood in the parking lot and aimed up at the third floor where the clinic was stationed and just started firing shots. He'd no idea of what he'd hit. He just wanted to kill. Salvi's actions sound hypocritical for a pro-lifer, don't they? To top it all off, the guy said he wanted to become a priest if he didn't get the death penalty. What a freak! Does this guy think that his God is forgiving him for his brutal attacks just because he was trying to do something supposedly good according to his religion? What kind of religion is good that promotes this kind of behavior?

Since 1977 there has been 10,000 attacks on clinics nationwide which included acts like murder, arson, shootings, kidnappings, bombings and assaults, according to *The Journal-Gazette*, issue January 4.

It is completely okay to have an opinion about something, but forcing your opinion on others and even killing them because they don't agree with you is sick and very, very demented.

That is exactly what these crazies are doing. They are religious freaks who are getting a little too carried away. These people have decided that their opposition to abortion gives them the right to do what they want to do to appease their God.

Their actions are ruining the attempts of the peaceful pro-lifer (possibly becoming a rarity.) These attacks are giving all of the pro-lifers a bad name.

Because of the threat of these attacks, abortion clinics are now seeking help from U.S. Marshalls for added security said *The Journal-Gazette*, issue January 4. Due to the threat the clinics already have had against them they have metal detectors and armed guards at the door. Sometimes the doctors have to wear bullet-proof jackets when going to and from work, along with being escorted when outside the clinic. Fighting for a cause is good, as long as it isn't taken too literally.

Whatever happened to peaceful demonstration?

On 827 Webster St. in Fort Wayne, there is an abortion clinic. On Thursdays there are demonstrations outside of the building and cops are stationed around the area in case trouble arises. Demonstrations are one thing, but when these psycho freaks start vandalizing the buildings and harrasing the patients and doctors that come in, that's another case.

Like stated before, it's okay to have an opinion, but when ignorant actions overshadow the opinion, the validity of the cause and the opinion is lost.



EDITORIAL

Danielle English
Editor-
In-Chief



Illustration by Tyrone Woods

Green Day feeds leeches

During the recent break from school (so quickly it went by!), I had the chance to view two programs on that all-mighty mecca of knowledge and entertainment, MTV.

They were "The Year in Rock" and "Jaded in Chicago: Green Day in Concert."

After viewing "The Year in Rock" a secondtime (yeah, yeah), and in particular the piece about Kurt Cobain, it occurred to me, as it had before but with less intensity, that I was seeing in the treatment of Green Day at their concert an almost exact replica of the events leading up to Kurt's disenchantment with the world of music and his eventual self-removal.

I saw twelve or thirteen-year-old kids bouncing around and singing along with songs whose lyrics are actually insulting them; thoughtless iconization of human beings no less fragile than the adoring worshippers; and a comforting sort of parasitic and

leech-like attachment to popular public figures.

Basically, I saw everything

that happened to Nirvana after the release of their album *Nirvana* (take

a moment to ponder on that title).

The leeches tend to fall off after a while, thankfully, but often the damage is already done. Kurt is an example of that.

Granted, he did make a fool-

ish choice and his actions were his own.

By acknowledging the reasons for those actions we can learn from someone else's folly.

Following the flock, although pathetic, is like anything in life: fine until it harms other people.

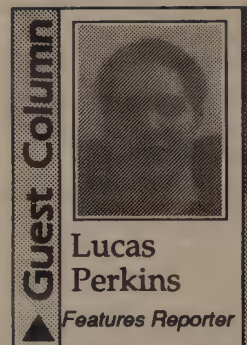
If nothing else, take a warning from Kurt's actions. I don't want to see Billie Joe follow in his footsteps.

This is not meant to portray musical groups as exclusive to any particular group of people, but the only people with a legitimate reason to like a group are those who truly enjoy their music.

If you like Green Day, buy their albums and go to their concerts. If you don't, leave 'em alone!

You won't be any less "cool" or anything absurd like that. You'll just be honest.

Please. Fall off.



Guest Column

Lucas Perkins

Features Reporter

Off the Record...

"Is it right to kill abortion doctors to save the lives of the unborn?"



Tom Konger, senior
"No, the doctors are the only smart one's because they're getting paid."



Mike Harris, junior
"No, because they are doing what the patient wantsthem to do."



Shad Turner, junior
"I don't think they are justified in killing doctors, they are doing their job.."



Gary Runge, freshman
"Kill 'em all."



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■ Work! Work! Work!



HEATHER STEFFEN, SENIOR, works ona paper for English classs in the computer room. *Photo by Jason Tearman.*

Political correctness has pros, cons in use

AARON MARTZ
Features Reporter

If you have ever heard such terms as "vertically impaired" to describe a short person or "mentally challenged" to describe people who aren't that bright, then you have experienced politically correctness.

Being politically correct is a fad just recently introduced into our society, a less insulting way to insult people. But to some people, being politically correct is even more insulting.

"I think (people who are politically correct) are just a bunch of posers trying to fit in and be like everyone else," said Mike Anderson, senior. "If I want to call someone short, I'll call them short not vertically impaired"

He went on to say,"I feel there's no reason to be politically correct. Who is to say what is politically correct?"

Brad Ferrier, senior, had this to say,"I don't mind people who are

politically correct, but some people take it way too far."

Being politically correct often times means longer descriptions in order to escape a single word or phrase commonly known as "offensive" to the people it describes.

Using terms such as "anatomically gifted" to describe a perfect body or "reality impaired" to describe an airhead, politically correctness can indeed be insulting.

It has become such a popular topic that such things as books and calendars are being produced on it, going into such detailed terms as describing a bleach blonde as "peroxide dependent", or a person afraid to get married as "avoiding domestic incarceration".

To some people, though, being politically correct is just another useless social aspect.

It is an opinionated way of talking.

"There is no such thing as being politically correct," said Jeremy Miser, junior,"because everybody's opinions are different."

Religion practice varies

LUCAS PERKINS
Features Reporter

Religion is a varied and sometimes touchy subject with todays crowd.

In previous generations, religion has been a very important part of society and has had good and bad effects.

Countries have been founded and people saved from certain death by those working under the belief of a higher power. Wars have been fought, and millions have been killed all in the name of faith.

Even today, wars based on religion are going on in Western Europe and the Middle East.

There doesn't seem to be as much conviction about religion with students today though, and an even smaller amount of belief.

Jeremy Gibson, sophmore, said about his beliefs, "I don't know anymore. Everything is screwed up now." Jeremy was once more religious than he is now, his father being Baptist. "Now I'm just trying to discover the truth, and 'understand'."

"I don't want to get into it," said Kevin Werrell, junior,"I don't know what I believe, but I know I'm not atheist."

Jessica Helmke, junior, who was brought up in a Catholic home with little choice as to her faith, said

about religion,"It just confuses you." She no longer goes to church, but her mother still does. "I can understand why she goes to church, but I don't feel I have to please God [by going]."

"I don't go to church that much anymore," said Terry English, senior and Catholic, "I don't see the point."

Steve Shearer, freshman, said he has never been under any sort of religious influence, and it doesn't play much of a role in his life.

Despite this apparent lack of religous belief, be it created by rebellion against force or by no background at all, there are still those students that practice their religion.

Nicole Jameson, senior, is Protesant and attends church every Sunday.

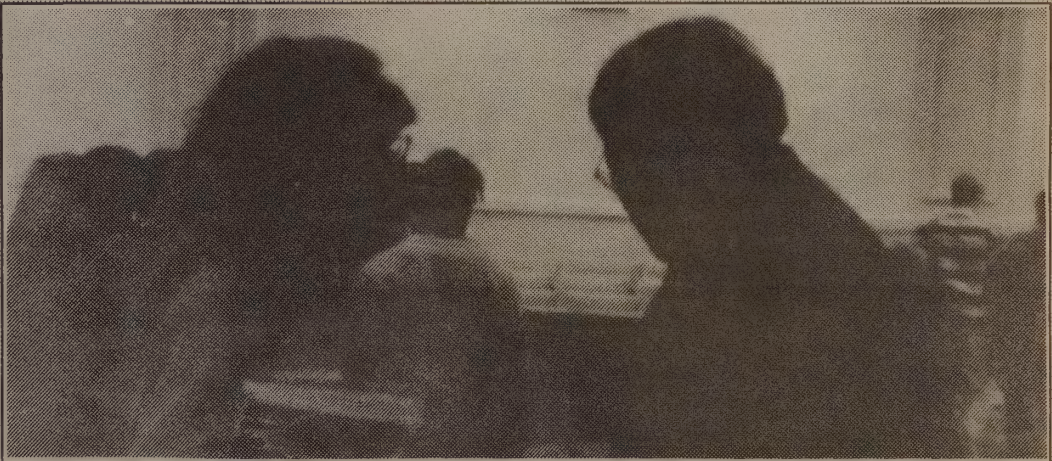
Senior Melissa Palmer is a "non-denominational Born Again Christian."

"It lets me know that there is a higher power that I can turn to," said Melissa, "Something to turn to with my problems." She goes to church on Sunday morning and evening, as well as on Wednesday.

She said she would believe the faith even if it wasn't shoved down her throat.

"I think I would be the same, because I had a choice, not them forcing it down my throat."

■ A Difficult Life



SAM RHINE, WEDNESDAY'S guest speaker, talks to juniors and seniors about life in Russia. earlier that morning he spoke to freshman and sophomores about birth defects and the importance of prenatal care. *Photo by Richard Ning*

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Boys' basketball team loses in third round of holiday tourney

DEREK RITTENHOUSE
Sports Reporter

Over Christmas vacation the boys' basketball team was competed in the annual SAC Holiday Tournament at Northrop High School.

North moved on to the second round with a commanding win over Bishop Luers by the score of 78-44. North was beating Luers 22-4 after the first quarter. The leading scorer for North was senior Keion Brooks, with a game high of 20 points.

The next challenge for the Redskins was the Bishop Dwenger Saints. North ended the Saints tournament early with another strong win by the score of 80-69.

Once again Brooks was the leading scorer with 26 points. Also adding 34 of North's points was the tandem of senior's Corey Roberts and Ty Winn.

Coach Glenn Heaton said, "One of the real strong aspects of this team is that we have so many guys that can go out there and be the leading scorer one night and then the next night somebody else can go out there and be the leading scorer."

He added, "It's nice that you don't have to count on any one player to score all the points. If somebody has a bad night then the rest of the team can pick up the slack."

The final game for North was in the championship round against the South Side Archers. North jumped out

to a 13 point lead three times in the third quarter alone, but couldn't hold on at the end. With four seconds left South Side's Adrian Reece was at the free-throw line shooting two free-throws. He hit both of them to make the final score 74-73 in favor of the Archers.

Keion Brooks ended up with 19 points, four steals, and seven assists. Again, the duo of Ty Winn and Corey Roberts knocked in 30 points and 12 assists.

Keion said, "I think we made some bad mental mistakes, but overall the team played well in the tournament except for the last couple of minutes against South Side."

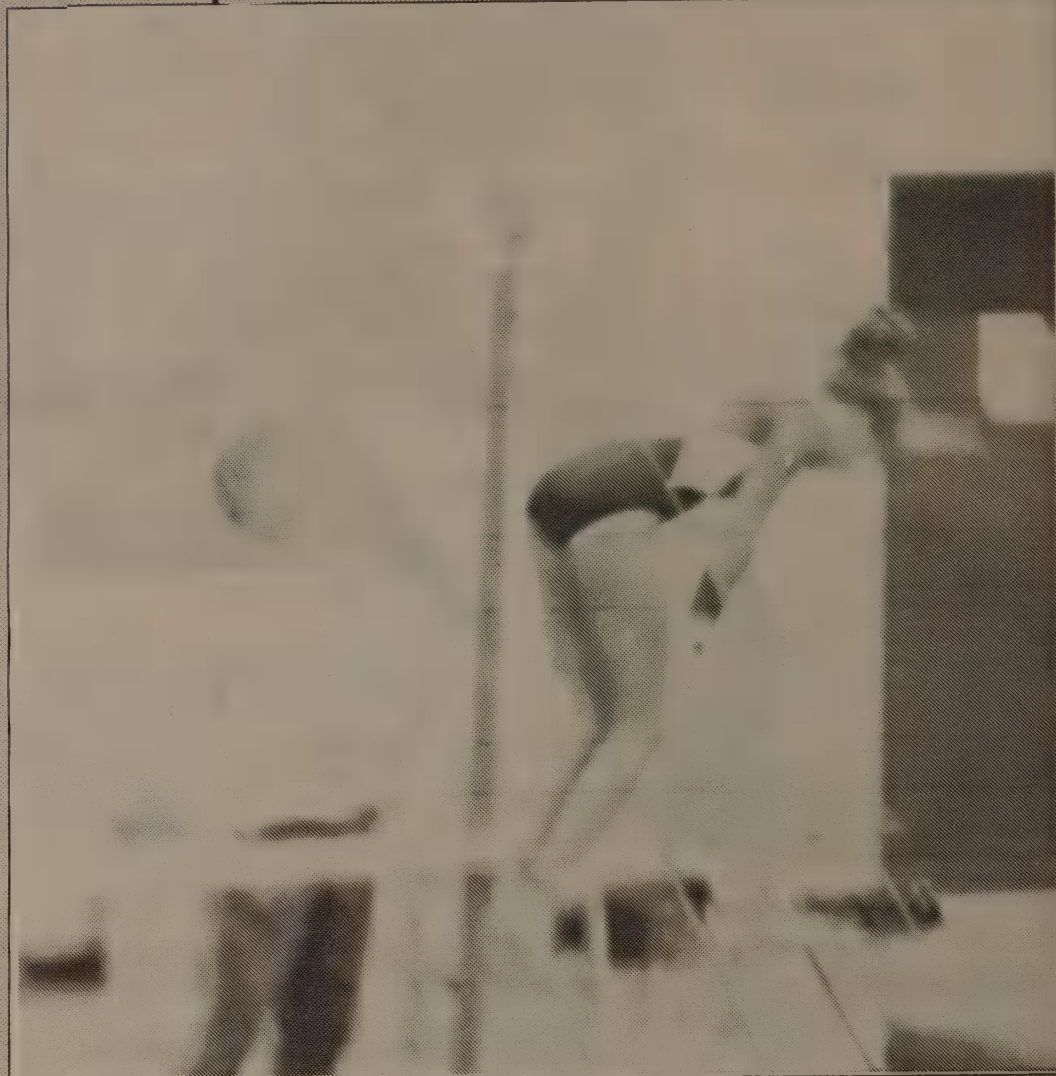
Ty Winn, senior, said, "Mental mistakes are what killed us."

Coach Heaton said, "We played well the whole tournament except for the end of the South Side game. We just have to learn how to stay in control when we get into those situations at the end of games."

He added, "As you get into the later part of January you start to put things together for the state tournament. We're trying to take one game at a time, and we're obviously still in the running for the conference championship. So basically we're just preparing for the state tournament, but we still have to take every conference game very seriously."

The team's next game is tonight at 8 p.m. at North Side against Wayne.

A Flip or Two



JUNIOR LESLIE SMOOTS does a dismount from the uneven bars at a meet Monday. The team beat East Noble in their first meet of the season. Photo by Jason Tearman

Concentration



CHRISTINA SUTTON, JUNIOR, gets focused before a game.

Girls lose to second-ranked Cadets

CHRISTY MILLS
Sports Reporter

The girls' basketball team was eliminated in the first round in the holiday tournament by the undefeated Concordia Cadets 63-54.

Coach Tanya Burns-Cohrs said, "Offensively we did a nice job. They worked the ball well and took good shots."

She continued, "We had four people in double figures, which is good because that shows we have a lot of people scoring."

Those double figure shooters mentioned were Marie Washington, sophomore 18 points; Erika Shipley, freshman 12 points; Chris Sutton, junior, 10 points; and Julie Regedanz, junior, also 10 points.

Coach Burns-Cohrs said, "We kept in and matched up the size of guards which made it much harder for them to score."

Even though the girls played

second-ranked, undefeated, Concordia and hadn't had a game three weeks previous to the tournament, there still weren't any doubts about the game and how the could have won.

Lisa Bridges, sophomore, said the team needs to work on their passes for their next game.

She said, "There were a lot of turnovers." Overall in the game she said they did "really good, especially since we were only down by three going into the fourth quarter."

Coach Burns-Cohrs said she was very pleased with the way all of

the team played.

She said, "April Hatch [freshman] played in her first varsity game and played well. The rest of the team did what I expected them to do."

"We have a young team and a lot of young experience. We have to concentrate more on our shots, definitely our free throws, and we have to work on our defensive stand. We just have to work hard to do better," said sophomore center Marie Washington.

The team's next game is on Tuesday, January 17 at 8 p.m. against the Wayne Generals at home.

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Administration cracks down on poor attendance, creates new tardy policy

ERIN MCATEE
News Editor

Beginning on January 30, just in time for the second semester, a new tardy policy will go into effect.

Because of the high number of tardies to first period each day and the fact that the school feels that attendance is of the utmost importance and in order for students to learn, they need to be in school, the following policy will be implemented:

1. When students arrive late to school, they need to check into the attendance office. They will be issued a green pass.

If a student is detained by a staff member, they must bring a pass from that staff member and get a green pass from the office.

Students must have a green pass to be admitted to their first period class.

2. A detention slip will be issued from the office to the student on

the day that they are tardy.

Exceptions include the student presenting a doctors note or a summons to court.

3. Detentions must be served on either Tuesday evening or Thursday morning of the week in which they were given.

Students will not be expected to serve their detention the same day it is given. If students have a special situation, they must get permission from an administrator at the school.

The penalty for the first tardy will result in a 45 minute detention.

Failure to serve this detention will result in community service or in-school suspension.

The second tardy will result in an hour and 15 minute detention. The penalty includes the things done in the first tardy, plus notification of parents.

Wednesday school is the result of the third tardy. This is two and a half hour time slot that students spend doing homework, listening to

speakers, and trying to figure out ways to correct their tardy problems.

Failure to serve this will result in a parent conference and possibly an out of school suspension.

Any tardies after that will either result in a parent conference and suspension from school or will be dealt with on an individual basis.

Mrs. Dorothy Lovett, assistant principal, said that she wants students to realize that this new policy is not really a punishment, but a solution.

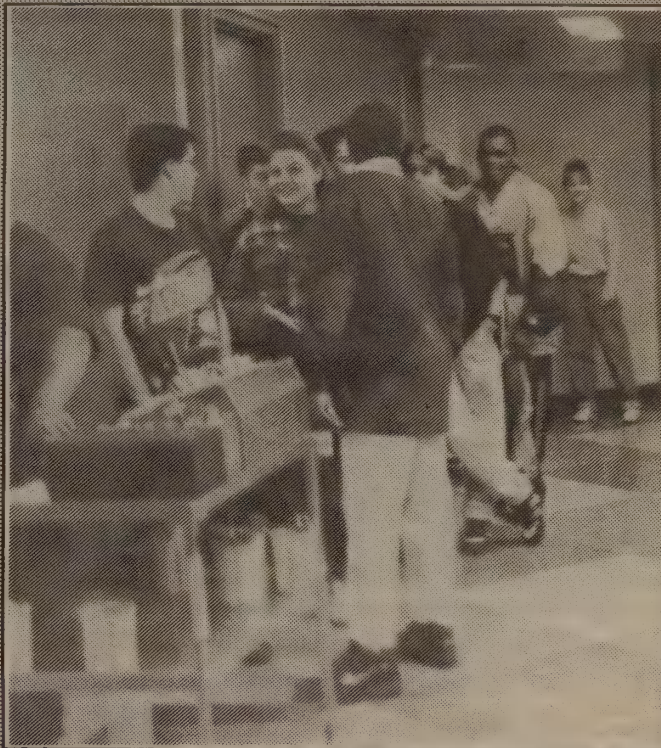
"On an average day we have anywhere from 75 to 100 people coming in late to school," she said.

Mrs. Lovett, along with many others, felt that something needed to be done so they came up with this plan.

She also wants students to know that there will be meetings for all students so that everyone is well informed about the new policy.

There will also be posters up and parents will be contacted so that no one is left in the dark about any part of the policy.

Countdown to long lines



THE LUNCH LINES were shorter than normal on Wednesday. Many people are taking advantage of the possible last few days of open lunch. Photo by Richard Ning.

A day of remembrance



MR. RON FLICKINGER and other members of the North Side family attend a dinner in Indianapolis where they listened to a key note speaker at a Racial Summit on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Photo by Richard Ning.

'A Frosted Fantasy' to occur on January 27

ERIN MCATEE
News Editor

Tickets are now on sale for this years semi-formal "A Frosted Fantasy."

Tickets will be on sale from now until January 26, the day before the dance, in the front hall and in all lunch mods.

The price for this years dance is \$15 per couple and \$7.50 for a single.

Tickets will not be on sale the night of the dance.

Aside from a new location, Picasso's in the Market Place of Canterbury, from 8-11pm, this years winter dance will bring about some changes.

One of those is the carriage rides. In years past, students have been able to take a carriage ride before the dance begins.

Since the location has been changed they are not possible. The carriages only run downtown making it impossible to have them this year.

One of the things that will

remain the same is the pictures. Michael's Photography will be taking the pictures with packages ranging from \$12 to \$48.

Extra pictures are available in addition to one of the other picture packages for \$5.

The music will be provided by Picasso's. As in the past, students will be able to request music.

This years colors include purple, pearl, and gold.

Mrs. Laura Taliaferro, assistant principal, said that one plus to moving the location is the parking. There is more parking near the doors at Picasso's.

She would like everyone to come if possible. "It's just a fun evening where students can be with friends, outside of North Side."

Carrie Copeland, junior, said "I think everyone should go because it's something they can reminisce upon after high school."

"It's something that I think everyone should experience at least once in high school," said Andrea Michaeloff, junior.

We did just all get along

We proved one thing. It's possible to "just all get along"—at least for a few hours.

I was involved in an eye-opening and educational experience this past Martin Luther King holiday. Twelve culturally diverse students loaded into a crowded van and went to Indianapolis where we saw Nathan McCall, author of the powerful and thought-provoking book *Makes Me Wanna Holler: A Young Black Man in America*, speak. On the trip down, guess what happened?

We talked.

There were no screaming matches. No hurt feelings. No racial slurs. We were just students discussing the racial problems at North Side and trying to dispell racial stereotypes. I was amused and aghast at some of the racial stereotypes I saw engrained in the mind's of my white counterparts. But they weren't the only ones with the stereotypes. I had a

few of my own that were dispelled.

A bone of contention with the white students was the need for the African-American Club at North Side. It was stressed that the club is not only for black students, but for anyone who wants to learn about different cultures; something that is not taught in our "Eurocentric" history books.

I don't think we solved all the racial problems, but we made some headway. I'm not convinced that racism will ever be eliminated from our society, but an experience like this one, gives me just a little hope.

If more of us at North Side just sat down and talked like this, maybe we could take care of the racial problems plaguing our school.

It maybe won't solve everything, but it would certainly get the ball rolling in the right direction.

Racism or any form of prejudice dehumanizes and impersonalizes all of us. It's not just a "white thing" or a "black thing," but a human thing.

As February approaches and Dr. King is remembered, the theme of Monday's program comes back to me: "To sustain the dream; the battle must be joined."

Guest Column



Ardua Harris
Features Co-Editor

Author blamy and dangerous

Dangerous. I can think of no better word than that to describe Nathan McCall, author and guest speaker at a dinner I recently attended.

The dinner was put together by the Black Student Union of IUPUI in Indianapolis, and is done every year in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

Mr. McCall is a journalist with the Washington Post, and wrote the popular book *Makes Me Want to Holler: A Young Black Man In America*, chronicling his young life as a gang member, drug-dealer and thief.

He spent three years in prison after holding up a McDonald's, and was exposed, for the first time in his life, to a productive enviroment while in the penitentiary. This sad situation is not uncommon among young black males, said McCall.

After release, he attended Norfolk State University and graduated with honors before moving on to a productive career.

So this is the man that spoke to us, a crowd predominantly older blacks, after a tedious series of awards and speeches given by various black orginazations, a well as a religious invocation and ear-piercing "praise-the-almighty-lord" gospel song.

McCall covered many issues including politicians, "gangsta" rap, and the role we all

must play in the correction of our society's unhealthy enviroment for young black males.

Most, in fact about 99 percent, of which I agreed with.

For instance, he said things about about Martin Luther King Jr. and his teachings like, "The problem with emphasizing that King was a pacifist, is that it

downplays the fact that he was an acitivst," and, "The problem with dreams is that most of them h a p p e n while your asleep. We need to get

black folks to wake up."

All this, backed up by convincing factual and opinionated arguments, really seemed to strike a chord with the audience.

When he said, "I know that Martin Luther King Jr. would turn over in his grave if he knew that the things he fought and died for are being undermined by the very people he was trying to save," the crowd clapped and hollared; a few of them standing up.

Other strong comments such as, "From where I stand, America has suffered from a "crisis in values" [quotes his] for 300 years!" and, "You can't undermine someone's education and then complain about their ignorance!" [exclamation points mine]

illicited similar responses.

And this is all well and good. But something was wrong.

I found that this man, whom I agreed with on most subjects, saw a lot more malevolence in people and the world than I feel is really out there. He seemed so quick to point his finger, and yet not very inclined to make sure he was pointing at the right things.

This is dangerous. Immensely so.

He spoke at length about the misdiagnosis' of the problems within the black community by politicians, and how they act on them to no avail, and sometimes detement of the community.

I couldn't help but wonder what made him so sure he was not doing the same thing.

Maybe I'm being to critical. That is not uncommon with me, but I can't ignore the bad taste left in my mouth after the event (and I'm not refering to the food, although...).

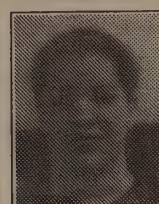
I can think of no existing adjective accurate for his speech, so I'll make one up. Blamy (sort of like blameful, but more whiny). That's what he was—just awfully blamy.

He talked about action. It is *dangerous* to act on quickly devised motivations, and this seems to be all he has to go on.

But, again, he said so many things that were right or target that I find it hard and ever hipocritic of me to criticize.

Like I said, dangerous.

Guest Column



Lucas Perkins
Features Reporter

Off the Record...

"What did you do on your Martin Luther King Junior Holiday?"



Morgan Godat, senior
"I killed eight men with my bare hands."



Jeremy Gibson, sophomore
"I saw Demon Knight."



Katie Pink, senior
"I listened to 'King-The dream relieved' on Foxy."



Chrystal Billingsley, freshman
"I chilled and had fun that day."



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Bowman music career taking off on high note

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Just thinking about it, makes most people breakout in hives. But Tony Bowman, senior, knows what it's like performing in front of crowds of 4000-5000 people.

At age 18, he's an accomplished singer who has made a name for himself in the Fort Wayne area.

Tony has been involved in some form of music since he was in the first grade. He remembers the first time he was asked to sing alone.

"Marshall White (choir director at True Love Baptist Church) was the director of our Gospel choir at Bunche (Elementary School). He convinced me to do my first solo at Union Baptist Church in front of the congregation," he said. "I was really nervous, but now

singing on stage is like my only comfortable position."

Tony has had the opportunity to sing with a variety of musical groups, including the Fort Wayne Children's Choir, the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, and the Fort Wayne Youth Ensemble.

In fact, he just finished recording his first Gospel CD with the Youth Ensemble. On the CD, he has a

solo recording entitled "Rejoice."

The CD has a March release date, but as of yet, no title.

"Mostly, I like to sing Gospel, but I also like to branch out into Jazz. Something about the music

going strong. The group mostly tours North Side feeder schools. The choir also produced Gospel Fest last spring which Tony hopes will become an annual event at North Side.

Tony's goals for the future are ambitious. "I'd like to be a music producer or a manager of a musical group, sort of like (singer/producer) Babyface," he said.

"I don't really want to sing professionally myself until I've established myself on the business side of music." He plans to major in music management at Indiana University.

Over spring break, Tony will tour with the Youth Ensemble all over the state of Texas and some in Oklahoma.

"We are known around the Midwest so we're trying to branch out and get some national recognition," he said.

Tony admits his academics have taken a back seat to his music career. "I'm involved with six different musical groups right now. I don't have time for much else," he said.

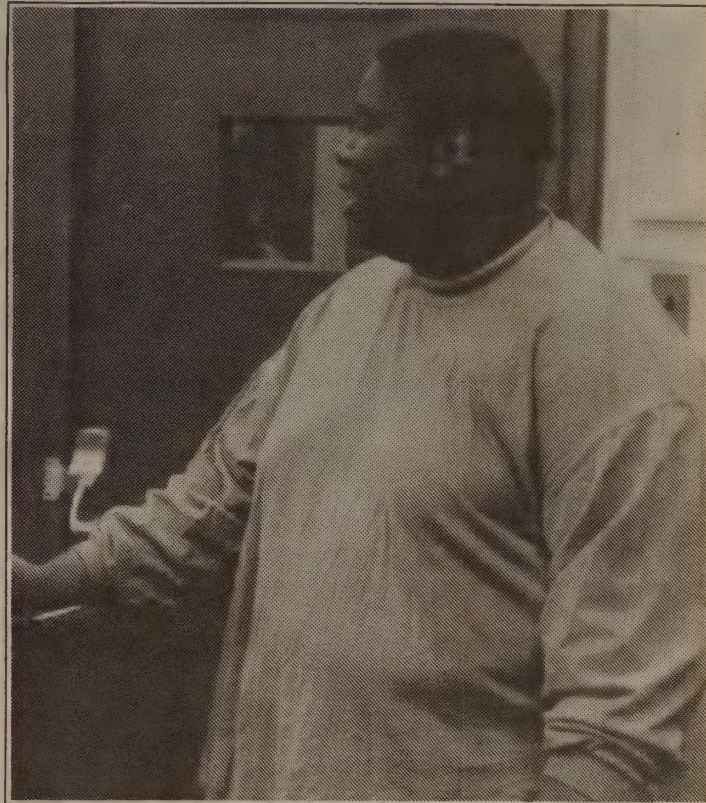
He added, "Life is about priorities. Music is mine. I used to be afraid to sing, but now I love it. Music has become my mistress."

"Life is about priorities. Music is mine."

Tony Bowman,
senior

moves me," he said.

Tony has also brought Gospel to North Side. He started the Gospel choir last year, which is still



SENIOR TONY BOWMAN sings during his choir class. Tony recently recorded his first Gospel CD with the Youth Ensemble. Photo by Richard Ning

Little Women tells heart-warming story

RITA MAGSAMEN
Features co-editor

The four March sisters come alive in the film adaptation of *Little Women*.

Taken from the pages of the Louisa May Alcott classic, it tells the story of Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy March as they come to age. They must deal with the effects of war, death, love, and finding out who they are.

Set in Concord, New Hampshire around the 1800's, it has an all-star cast, which includes Winona Ryder, Susan Sarandon, and Christian Bale.

The movie opens with the sisters decorating their house for Christmas. They want to surprise their mother Marmee, played by Sarandon. Despite the fact that their father is away at war and there wasn't any money to buy presents, their spirits were joyous and left you feeling warm inside.

The story mainly focuses on Jo, played by Ryder. She is a free-spirited girl who carries a passion for writing. She writes plays and manuscripts in her spare time and has her sisters act them out. With a big imagination, she dreams of going to col-

lege but her family can't afford it.

Jo befriends the boy next door, Laurie, played by Bale. He is from Europe and has been brought to live with his rich grandfather so that he can be tamed and educated.

His plans for the future are to take over the family business in London, but he is much more interested in a music career.

Laurie and Jo form a special friendship because they are much alike in the fact that they want so much more than what is planned out for them.

After Laurie goes to college, Jo becomes lonely. She feels deserted by her older sister Meg, who has a boyfriend. She throws herself into her writing. When Laurie comes home for a visit, he tells Jo that he loves her.

Jo doesn't know what to think because she always thought of him as a brother. Confused, she confides in her mother, who tells her to go out in the world and discover who she is and what she wants.

Jo decides to go to New York.

The movie is for people of all ages to enjoy. It is brilliantly directed and acted. It is playing at Coldwater Crossing.

Demons of the past influence present

LUCAS PERKINS
Features Reporter

Black Sabbath and Danzig: the original and the cutting edge of heavy metal music, both put out new albums in 1994.

"Nativity In Black: A Tribute to Black Sabbath" is a compilation of Black Sabbath songs performed by various heavy metal bands of today.

Biohazard, White Zombie, Megadeth, 1000 Homo D.J.'s (featuring Al Jourgensen of Ministry), Therapy? (featuring Ozzy Osbourne, originally of Sabbath), Corrosion Of Conformity, Sepultura, Bullring Brummies (featuring Rob Halford of Fight, and Terry Butler & Bill Ward, both originally of Sabbath), Bruce

Dickinson with Godspeed, Ugly Kid Joe, Faith No More, and Type O Negative comprise the list of participants on this album.

Having classic songs such as "Paranoid", "Iron Man", "N.I.B.", "War Pigs", "Sabbath Bloody Sabbath", and "The Wizard", some recreated perfectly, and others given a new twist, "Nativity In Black" is fit for old fans as well as new.

Danzig's fourth album, with a title written in strange runes, tests new ground with rave-type melodies intermingled throughout the band's familiar metal sounds.

Listened to back to back, these two albums give the most complete representation of the evolution of heavy metal music possible.

Also, they have some odd

things in common.

Runes of some ancient language are used profusely on the packaging of both albums, while beautifully rendered art from Michael W. Kaluta (who did the cover for Glenn Danzig's orchestral album, "Black Aria") is the main visual attraction of each.

Kaluta designed a tarot card representing each of the songs on "Nativity In Black", as well as a detailed yin-yang symbol featuring a demon and an angel intertwined on the inside cover of Danzig "4".

Back in 1970, Black Sabbath couldn't possibly have imagined the kind of influence they would have in 1994, but examples such as Danzig and their contemporaries must put smiles on their faces.

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■ Hoops!



MARIE WASHINGTON, SOPHOMORE, takes a shot from the free throw line. The lady redskins beat Wayne Tuesday 69-31. Photo by Richard Ning

Experience takes down team

DEREK RITTENHOUSE
Sports Reporter

Last Saturday the wrestling team competed in the 8-team Goshen Invitational.

Several players placed at the meet including junior Antoan Schneider-2nd, sophomore Abe Hackett-2nd, and sophomore Eric English-3rd.

The SAC Tourney started yesterday and will end this Saturday at Snider at 8:30 a.m. According to Coach Chris Svarzkopf the team is trying to prepare for the last day of competition.

"We need to start working a little harder in practice. The work ethic just isn't there. At this point we aren't prepared for the tourney. But we just have to see how things go this Saturday," said Svarzkopf.

"We should do alright this weekend. But we have to keep working hard in practice. If we do that we might pull off a couple of major wins," said sophomore Mike Elett.

Inexperience has also hurt the Redskins this season. With only two seniors on the squad they are hurting when it comes to big tourney's and high pressure situations.

"I wasn't too happy with the way we played last Saturday at Goshen. We could have finished better. They don't know what to expect. But then again, lack of experience hurt us there," added Svarzkopf.

"Lack of experience did hurt us this year but I think in the future most of the guys will know what to expect. Especially when it comes down to the big meets," said sophomore Ben Gleason.

Top Wrestlers

Point leader-Mike Elett (74)

Pin leader-Mike Elett (12)

Take down leader-Antoan Schneider (38)

Reverse leader-Mike Becker (17)

Fastest Pin-Mike Elett (.14)

Gymnasts lose to skilled Dwenger, keep tumbling with positive attitude

CHRISTY MILLS
Sports Reporter

The girls' gymnastics team tumbles their way into a new season as they begin to work on more advanced routines and prepare for harder competitions.

The team started off on a positive streak by winning two meets in a row. They defeated Southwood, 86-83, and they also beat East Noble 88-85, but then an upset was brought onto the team as Dwenger defeated them 85-105.

Coach Ron Weiss said, "We don't have illusions on beating Dwenger. They are far more advanced than us. They were a difficult team and we scored low on the beams. Those had the most affect on us."

Although some meets may bring hopes down, the team members have individual goals that they hope to accomplish during the rest of the season.

Leslie Smoots, junior, said she would like to get her straddle-back, and also wants to work on her lay-outs.

Maggie Wodruff, junior,

said, "I am working on my back tuck and advancing my bar routine."

Along with individual goals, the girls also have a few team goals to help guide them through the season.

Leslie said, "One goal is for scores to reach above 90 and to beat the teams we had a hard time with last year."

Coach Weiss only has one goal for the team. He just wants to have a winning record, which he said is the most important thing.

Last year the gymnastics team only had eleven members. This year it grew to a much larger number.

Jenny Bales, sophomore, said, "A larger number [of participants] will help bring up team averages. We will have more team spirit, and we may win more meets."

Coach Weiss said that it also helps the team for back-up reasons.

"If someone became sick or hurt, then we have more comfortable back-ups," he said.

Starting a new season also means there are new members, new experiences, and new goals to achieve.

Coach Weiss said, "I am impressed with all of the gymnasts, but

all at different times."

He continued, "We keep proving at every meet. We had a lot of easy wins and a couple of losses, but the meets we lost we lost by a few points. Our record is 2-3. We wish it was 3-2 instead. We have the whole season to change that."

The gymnastics team's next meet is the Concordia Invitational Saturday at Concordia. The tournament begins at 11:30.

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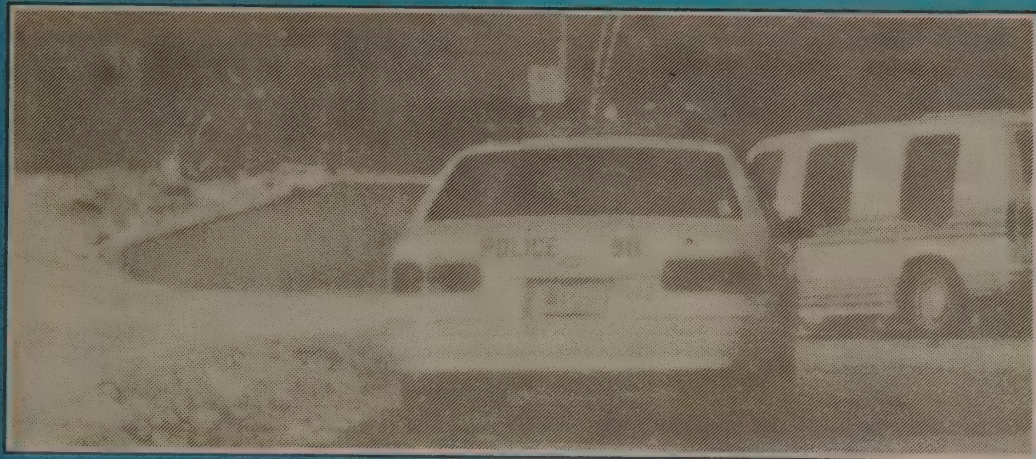
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■ Pedestrians Beware



OFFICER RANL / HOSFORD stays on the lookout for pedestrians crossing the bridge, since it was closed to North Side students. Photo by Jason Tearman.

New Tardy Policy:

Just a reminder to students that the new tardy policy is now in effect for the second semester. Here is the new policy and the consequences for each tardy.

First tardy- The penalty for the first tardy results in a 45 minute detention. Failure to serve this detention results in community service or in-school suspension.

Second tardy- The second tardy results in an hour and 15 minute detention. In addition to community service or in-school suspension, the parents are notified of the situation in failure to serve the second tardy.

Third tardy- Wednesday school is the result of the third tardy. This is a two and a half time period that students spend doing their homework. Students who fail to serve this receive a parent conference and possibly suspension from school.

Additional tardies- Tardies after that will result in a parent conference, suspension from school, or are dealt with on an individual basis

Students need to remember that this policy is now in effect and will remain until the end of the year.

Three students sing their way into state choir

JAMIE FORD
News Reporter

The Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) was held on January 28, at Wayne High School, with North Side students coming out on top.

Out of 31 students who entered the contest, only three made the state choir, Marcus Ketterman and Courtney Nardin, sophomores, and Myla Chambers, junior.

The contestants were required to sing songs from a required list in the hardest level of difficulty and get a first place rating from a judge.

Students who won received their score sheet and a medal..

"I've loved music all my life. This is just another way to express that."

- Marcus Ketterman, sophomore

The soloists were judged on their abilities, including, tone quality and annunciation of words.

Courtney said, "I feel really privileged about being chosen because of all the trouble I had with my song. If Miss

Buttermore hadn't been there to help me, I wouldn't be in the choir."

Miss Margaret Buttermore, choir teacher, said, "I think the difficult of the contest is a challenge for the soloists. They start singing solos at a young age and advance their difficulty every year. They also study the solos with me privately."

advance their difficulty every year. They also study the solos with me privately."

"I think this is a great opportunity for the students because it helps them better develop their talent and gain self-confidence and poise when they perform the songs in front of an audience," added Miss Buttermore.

Marcus, said, "I'm really lucky I have Miss Buttermore for a teacher because with my voice I was never meant to be in a choir. With Miss Buttermore's help, here I am now! I've loved music all my life. This is just another way to express that."

Marcus added that this was a chance for him to use his voice and show people who said he couldn't make it, that he could.

He also wanted to set an ex-

ample for underclassmen who may want to pursue a future in music.

Any one can try out for the choir. They do not need to be enrolled in a music class.

Courtney chose a song that was in her range. She wanted one that would be fun and that the judges and audience would like.

Her selection was *Come to the Fair*.

Marcus began in the summer with 50 songs. Eventually he narrowed it down to two and finally deciding on a fun song.

It was *Rolling Down to Rio* by Edward German and Rudyard Kipling.

Congratulations to all January Graduates

Melissa Blaising
Rebecca Bradley
Renee Dellinger
Gina Fahlsing
Gina Gerken
Jamie Goble
Misty Jenkins
Erica Keeley

Kris Koskie
Kim Lamb
Paul McComas
Lashonda Moore
Christi Murdock
Christina Pilling
Erik Pineda
Starsky Thomas

■ Where's the excitement?



MEMBERS OF A Tribe Called North meet to discuss how they can bring excitement back into the crowds of the various sporting events.



Lunch is ours for the take out

Going against the vote of the majority of the teachers at North Side, Dr. Gardener has allowed the lunch mods to remain open.

Giving the students another chance was a very fair thing to do. Now it is up to the students to prove that young people are not so bad, and that they are capable of making changes.

This can be shown, and lunches can remain open so long as students improve Dr. Gardener's four T's:

1. Trash- both in the neighborhood and inside the building
2. Truancies- especially during 4th, 5th, and 6th periods
3. Tardies- especially during 4th and 5th periods
4. Traffic- in the neighborhood

These four things are not difficult to accomplish. Trash can simply be thrown away. Granted, the trash cans around the building are usually full by the end of second lunch, but is that any reason to throw trash under a car when it can just as easily be thrown away inside? Is throwing away trash and picking up one's own mess such a difficult thing to do?

Traffic problems are already reduced because of the smaller numbers of people walking.

Less people walking means less people running in front of cars and fewer members of the community complaining.

Truancies and tardies however definitely need work. Most tardies are not a result of students coming back late from lunch.

They generally seem to be students who goof off during the passing periods and just don't go to class. This hurts the chances of lunch remaining open for everyone.

Maybe an open lunch doesn't seem important to students right now with the weather the way it is. But when the sun is shining and the temperature warms up, even a 30 minute break from being cooped up in the school comes as a relief to most.

If Dr. Gardener decides to close lunch, nobody, as far as students go, will be happy about it, but who will really have the right to complain?

A closed lunch is not something given as a punishment, it is something, if put into effect, that students will have earned.

Students need to realize that the decision as to whether lunches are closed is in their hands. It is up to them to change their own behavior.

If Dr. Gardener does close lunch mods, nobody can blame him, teachers, or anyone else on the North Side staff.

A closed lunch would be the result of student behavior, whether it was one person or 100. It isn't everybody who breaks the rules and causes problems, but how often do students speak up to those who are?

Nobody wants a closed lunch, but if it happens, everybody earned it.



EDITORIAL

Katy Jordan
Managing Editor

Tardy policy does bad and good

The new tardy policy went into effect this week. Which has very strict regiments that the whole student body must follow. If the policy is not followed the students will have to face the wrath of the dean's office.

The policy is as follows: First tardy, 45 minute detention; Second tardy, an hour and 15 minute detention; Third tardy, Wednesday school; Fourth tardy, same as the third tardy or other interventions will be made at the discretion of an administrator.

Being certain of the policy, or so I thought, I called the office when I woke up late the other day and said that I was going to be late for school thinking that I would be an exception to the rule. The office told me that I would still have to serve a detention. Determined not to serve that detention, I stayed home for the entire day certain I was showing them.

There was no way that I would serve a detention just for being late. I know that the fact that I was late was my fault and I do take responsibility for that,

but the new detention policy deterred me from coming to school at all.

I thought going for three-fourths of the day was much better than not going at all, which is what most of the student body will do rather than serve a detention. The administrators know this too.

Students hit that snooze button one too many times and without realizing it, it will be eight o'clock and they will be late. Many will figure that it is better to just not go to school rather than to serve a detention. If that is the case, it causes still more problems.

This new policy will then lead to another problem-truancy. You are either tardy or truant. I guess we rob Peter to pay Paul here. Administrators will be there to deal with you regardless of the route you take.

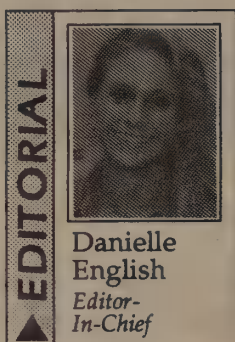
On the sheets posted the last few weeks around the school to inform students more in-depth about the new policy there was a tiny sentence in the middle that most students are unaware of it states: "Any student with a special need must receive clearance from an administrator in Student Services or the Attendance office."

This means that car accidents, bad weather, appointments and etc., are legitimate reasons. You will not be punished for legitimate reasons for being tardy. Only the irresponsible reasons like goofing off in the halls, or just being late because you wouldn't get up in time will be dealt with and issued a punishment.

School is like a job. We are supposed to be here, and be here on time. I certainly know that if I showed up an hour late to work there would definitely be some reprimanding done had I not had a good excuse for the tardiness. We need to treat school like most of us treat our jobs. We need to get here on time just as we would our jobs.

In case my point still is not clear, I'll give another example. Say your parents set a curfew for you and you come in an hour late. If you don't have a good excuse most parents are going to administer some sort of punishment, right? So why should the school do anything differently than the rest of the world? They shouldn't and we need to get used to the demands that they are asking us meet, and meet them.

Even though this policy occasionally will punish people who don't really deserve it, it will do good for the habitual late comers and for that I support it.



EDITORIAL

Danielle English
Editor-In-Chief

Off the Record...

"How do you feel about the new tardy policy?"



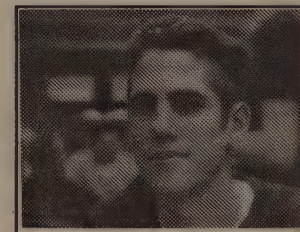
Teri Getts, sophomore
"It doesn't matter to me I'm never tardy."



Tony Didler, senior
"I don't have a problem with it because I don't plan on being tardy."



Lynette Smith, junior
"I don't think it's fair in those who have legitimate excuses."



Ryan McCorkle, junior
"I think they change it so much no one really understands how it works."



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January grads begin life without high school

AARON MARTZ
Features Reporter

January graduates will soon be leaving North Side with the future ahead of them.

Starsky Thomas, one of 15 January graduates, said, "I don't have any regrets. I'm just getting out of school."

After high school, it is not too much of a surprise that some January grads will be on their way to college.

"I'm going to go to DeVries in Madison, Illinois, to become an electronics engineer technician," said Brian Feighner.

After high school, though, college is not always an ambition.

"When I get out, I'm going to get a job," said Thomas. "Next June I'm going to Texas to hang out down there. I have no plans for college."

Reasons for leaving school early differ among January grads.

"I'm leaving early so I can work more and save money for college," said Renee Dellinger. "I might do some classes at IPFW, or I'll just work."

Just because someone graduates, it does not mean that future choices have been made.

"I will go to college full time. I might start in the fall, but I'm not sure what I want to do," said Dellinger. "I'll probably just go and take the general stuff until I figure out what I'm going to do," he added.

With high school out of the way and only the future ahead, January graduates can now set their ambitions on higher ground.

"I want to be as rich as possible legally," said Feighner.



SENIOR KIM LAMB leaves North Side for the last time as a member of the student body. Kim is one of the early graduates for the Class of 1995. Photo by Jason Tearman

Cheaters find ways, hurt themselves in the end

LUCAS PERKINS
Features Reporter

There are many problems that plague high school students and teachers.

Not surprisingly, cheating on school work is one of them, but it doesn't seem to cause much concern.

"It's a problem, but it's nothing new," said Mr. Ken Miller, U.S. History teacher.

He doesn't feel that tests are a problem, maybe due to his giving different forms of tests, but as for homework he said, "One person does it and three or four copy it. [They should] at least change the words."

Mr. Jim Overmeyer, biology teacher, said that he also gives different tests, and that he can cite cheating "grossly on homework."

He doesn't see it as too big of a problem, though he does admit, "I'm sure a lot goes on that I don't detect."

Students have many reasons for cheating. Some given by students are: "To get better grades"; "So they don't have to study"; and, "Cause they didn't do it."

Mr. Miller said, "[They ei-

ther] don't have time, don't take time, or just don't want to do it... They need to learn to be responsible."

"There's no doubt about that," said Mr. Overmeyer, when asked if it is easy for students to cheat.

He said that with thirty-plus students in a class it becomes hard to keep track of them all.

When he finds out though, he usually writes on their paper "Is this your work?", just to let them know he knows and try to "Discourage even the thought of it."

If that doesn't solve the problem, he calls them aside for a little talk, but he said, "It's been two years at least [since I've had to do that.]"

Mr. Miller staples the papers that are replicas of each other together and returns them to one stu-

dent with half of the total score given to each student, or puts "see me later" on the paper, but he said he tries not to make a big deal out of it.

He understands the pressure some students are under to let others cheat. "Whether you want to or not, you give it to them," he said.

Getting caught doesn't seem to cause students too much anxiety.

"I think I was caught once in elementary school. In elementary school you were like 'Duuhhhh?'. Everybody got caught then," said one student.

Another said, "I've been caught helping other people cheat... I never cheat on tests (pause), just on homework (laughter)."

Mr. Miller has one final comment on the subject. "If you're going to cheat, you'll find a way, but usually in the end it gets you," he said.

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- 6 Hearing Tests, TBA
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- 7 Freshmen Visitation (Nortwood) 9-11 a.m.
- 9 Freshmen Visitation (Lakeside) 9-11 a.m.
- 13 Scheduling Materials Distributed For 1995-96 School Year
- 13 Parent Information Night
- 17 Valentine's Dance, Stadium Gym, 9p.m.
- 19 Choir Fair, Grand Wayne Center
- 20 Start of Scheduling For 1995-96 School Year, North Side
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- 4 Freshmen Honors English Exam, Lecture Room, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- 7 ISTEP Testing (freshmen only)
- 10 Last Day Financial Aid Hotline Available
- 10 Interim Report Distribution
- 10 MORP Dance, Stadium Gym, 8p.m.
- 14 Freshmen Honors English Exam, Room 339, 9a.m. -12p.m.
- 14 Evening Registration For Middle Schools Other Than Lakeside or Nortwood
- 31 End of Third Quarter

Parents make a difference

It is very hard to believe that almost one-half of the 94-95 school year is over. Friday, January 27, 1995, marked the beginning of the second semester. By the time you receive this parent newsletter, the first semester will be history and the second semester will have begun. You should be receiving your young person's report card the week of February 6, 1995. We hope that you will set down and review the report card in depth with your student.

As you review the report card, make sure you find ways to praise your young person for the success obtained. In addition to the grades, pay close attention to the comment section of the grade card. Comments 0, 1, 2, and 3 are very positive

comments and should be acknowledged by you, the parent. Incentives for good grades and good comments are encouraged. Different incentives work for different people. You will know what works for your child.

In the same manner, if there are poor grades or grades that are unacceptable for you and your young person, you need to take action.

Although the first semester is finished, and the grades are a part of the student's permanent record, you need to set goals and expectations for the second semester.

Again, the comment section is very helpful, as is the interim report which was sent mid-way through the grading period. Don't allow your young person to use "excuses" as an attempt to explain unsatisfactory "grades" or "comments."

Unsatisfactory grades should be anything lower than a "C." In some cases, even a "C" should not be permissible. In the comment section, any comment of 4 or above should be unsatisfactory to you and not tolerated. In addition to setting goals for the next interim report card,

which will be given out in early March, you should put measures into place, which will ensure that the goals are reached.

Another area of the grade card which you should closely review is the attendance area. Look carefully at the days absent and the days tardy.

If your student has an excellent record in this area, praise him/her and give rewards as other successes are celebrated in your home.

If per chance there are problems in this area, you need to become actively involved in making sure that this area improves. Many times, poor attendance patterns lead to poor performance in the classroom. It is hard to be successful if you are not present and on time.

Parents do make a difference in the performance of their young person at school. We encourage you to have high expectations for your young person. Please review your student's report card carefully. As always, teachers and staff are always available to help you.

All of us want success for your student. Working together, we can make it happen. You do make a difference.



DR. RICHARD GARDENER
Principal

As most of you are aware, North side High School as well as all fort Wayne Community Schools, went through an extensive self-review during the 1993-94 school year.

This review was part of the Indiana Department of Education

Performance based accreditation off and running

Evaluation Program. Out of this review program came a 155-page document which outlined areas which the students, parents, and staff wanted to address for the coming years.

Four areas identified as goals were adopted as an Action Plan at North Side High School for the 1994-95 school year. Those four goals are:

- Goal 1:** Students and staff use technology effectively to augment learning and teaching and to communicate effectively.
- Goal 2:** Students, faculty, parents, and community recognize good attendance as a prerequisite for being a successful student.
- Goal 3:** A learning environment exists in which students are responsible, independent learners.
- Goal 4:** All ninth grade students pass all ninth grade classes as a result of an intensive middle to high school transition program.

Each one of these goals have several "strategies" identified, a timetable, and an individual(s) responsible for seeing that the goals are accomplished:

Laura Taliaferro chairs the

Technology Committee.

Dorothy Lovett chairs the attendance Committee.

Larry Gerardot and De Klocke chair the School Environment Committee.

Kathy Bennett and Ron Flickinger chair the transition Committee.

Each North Side High School teacher is on one of the four committees. The committees meet at various times as time permits.

The committee which oversees these four committees is called the Leadership Team for Reconstructing and 2000. Mark Daniel and I co-chair the Leadership Team.

The entire process is to do one thing- make a strong academic school even stronger. Said another way, to accentuate the good and to find ways to become even better. The State Department has awarded North Side high with a \$1,700 planning grant to help us with this process.

Our hope and plan at North Side High school is to move forward and continue to improve upon the rich heritage of a superior, comprehensive high school, a high school which spells success for all who come through the high expectations of its staff, students, parents, and community.

State gives North \$7,701 award for ISTEP, attendance improvement

DR. RICHARD GARDENER
Principal

North Side was recently notified that the State of Indiana Department of Education will be awarding North Side High School \$7,701 for improvements in ISTEP scores as well as attendance.

This award is part of the Indiana School Incentive Awards Program for the 1993-94 school year. North Side is very pleased to have been given this award.

According to Dr. Suellen Reed from the Indiana Department of Education, the money can be used for any school need, excepting teacher salaries and/or athletics. It is Dr. Reed's hope that the money will be used to improve the scores for the 1994-95 school year.

At present, North Side High School has not decided how the funds will be used. The various performance based accreditation committees will be able to submit requests as they identify needs.





Contraceptive practices differ, abstinence still best policy

JAMIE FORD
News Reporter

ex among teens lacks the most important element of all: protection.

Today over 500,000 teenage girls become pregnant because of the lack of protection, according to the October 24, 1994, issue of *People* magazine.

Mrs. Dee Herman, health teacher, said, "I think the lack of protection that leads to teen pregnancy is a lack of responsibility. Teens rely on the 'It can't happen to me' attitude and they think babies are so cute, but what they don't realize is that they have to be responsible for the child for the next 18 years of their lives, and they miss out on their teen years."

There are the popular and less popular types of birth control used by North Side students. These include condoms, birth control pills, contraceptive foam, and Norplant.

Josh Manns*, junior, said, "My girlfriend and I use protection every time. I use condoms and she uses birth control pills."

Jenny Smith*, junior, uses Norplant. "It [Norplant] is safe and effective and I don't have to worry about forgetting to take pills every morning," she said.

Condoms can be purchased for both males and females. Male condoms can be purchased for 50 cents by the box. They have an 88 percent effectiveness and can only be used once. Female condoms cost \$2.50. They have a 75 percent effectiveness and can be used once. Both can be purchased at drug and retail stores.

Mrs. Herman said, "I think there are better ways to protect your-

self rather than using a female condom."

A contraceptive sponge can also be purchased at drug or retail stores. They come three in a box and cost between three and five dollars. The sponge is good for one use. For women who have not had kids, there is an 82 percent effectiveness and in women who have had kids, 72 percent.

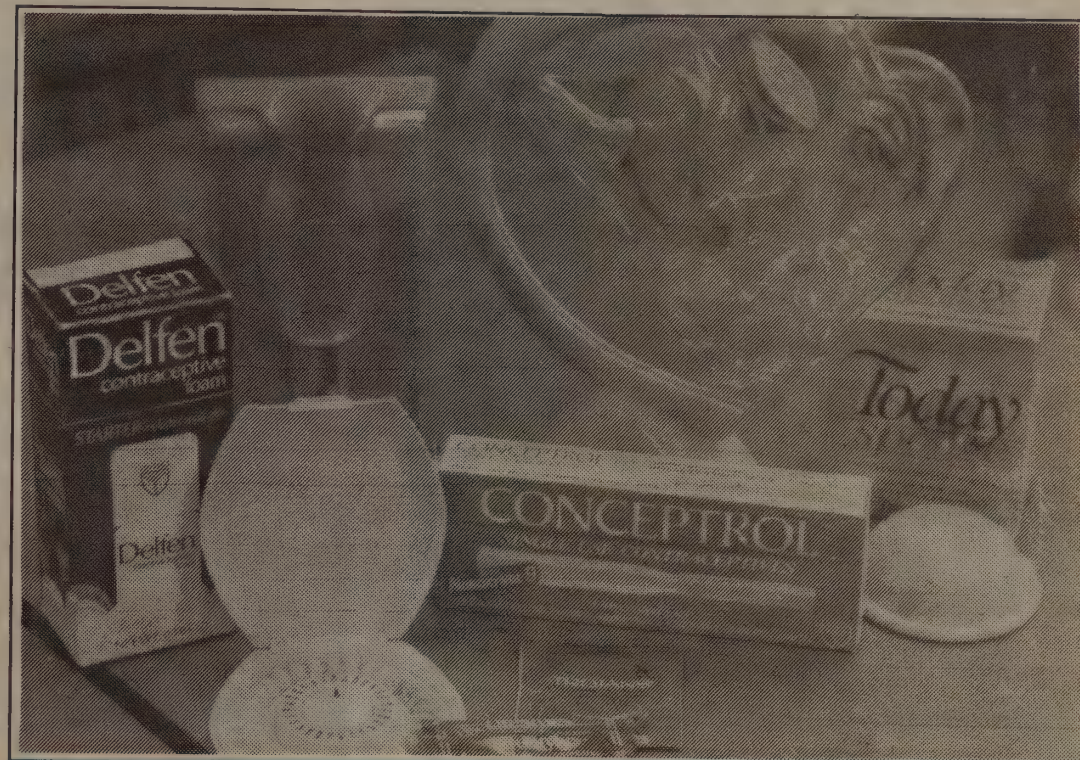
Contraceptive foam has an effectiveness of 79 percent. It can be used for 20 to 24 applications with one use per application. Foam is eight dollars and can be purchased at drug stores.

A diaphragm can be prescribed by a doctor and depending on the doctor the cost can range from \$13 to \$25. Diaphragms are made to last several years and have an 82 percent effectiveness.

Laura Hess*, junior, said, "I'm sexually active, and I use birth control and condoms. I think birth control is very important, especially to people who aren't responsible enough to take care of the problems that could occur if they didn't use it."

Birth control pills are prescribed by a doctor and costs can range between \$15 and \$25. The pills last 28 days. Birth control pills have a 97 percent effectiveness; however, the pill must be taken everyday to get the full amount of protection. Pregnancies have been reported with the pill and abnormal periods may be experienced. Possible side effects are weight gain and acne.

Depo-Provera, an injection given every three months under a doctor's supervision, requires an exam and costs between \$45 and \$66. It lasts three months and has a 99.7 percent effectiveness. The first shot



THIS SHOWS THE variety of contraceptives available to those who choose to become sexually active. These products are shown and discussed with students in sophomore health classes. Photo by Jason Tearman

must be given within five days after the beginning of a period and begins working within 24 hours.

Copper Intrauterine Device (IUD) requires an exam and is inserted into the uterus during menstruation. It lasts eight years and costs \$125, not including the exam. Copper IUD has a 97 percent effectiveness with few pregnancies reported. Heavy periods and more pain may be experienced during menstruation.

Norplant, which lasts five years, is six capsules that are inserted into the arm. It lasts five years and has a 99.9 percent effectiveness. Abnormal bleeding or spotting may be a side effect of Norplant.

Angie Shingleston, junior, said, "If I were sexually active I would use birth control pills and a condom, if not more."

Abbe Oser and Lucy Blackman, juniors, also agreed with Angie, "We would use this type of birth control because not only does it protect the people, but the relationship, too."

Abbe, Angie, and Lucy also said that if a couple is responsible enough to have sex, then they should be responsible enough to handle the situation and raise a baby.

In today's world, abstinence is also a form of birth control.

Mrs. Herman said, "It's the only way to go for three reasons. First, because of all the diseases; second, because birth control isn't always 100 percent, and third, because couples can have a good relationship without sex."

Stephen Johnson*, junior, said, "I think if people having sex want to take a chance in having a baby, they can, but they should think about how they would support the child first."

Laura* also said, "I feel that abstinence is the best thing for a person to practice. I regret having sex, and I wish I would have practiced and stayed abstinent."

Mrs. Herman also said that lots of couples jump into sex without getting to know each other first, "It's not the only way to show you care," she said.

Rachel Furr, junior, said, "I think it's important for people to protect themselves whether they are a girl or a guy. If they're going to have sex they should protect themselves. It shows a lack of respect if they don't."

Karrie Jones*, junior, said, "I had sex for the first time three months ago, and if I really think about it, I wish I would have waited. Sex is a serious thing, and too many people take it lightly. It really does cause a lot of changes in a relationship. My boyfriend and I argue a lot more than we used to, and it always seems like he thinks sex can make things better between us. It doesn't though. Just because two people sleep together doesn't mean they are in love, even though they should be, and nobody should have sex to try to prove anything to anyone."

She continued, "I just wish that I would have understood the importance of waiting before it was too late, but I've lost something that I can never get back, and I have a lot of regrets, but it's something I chose to do, and I will have to live with my choice for the rest of my life."

For questions concerning birth control, call Planned Parenthood at 423-1322, 485-7092, or 744-9070. Pregnant students can get help at planned parenthood or the Crisis Pregnancy Center at 422-3544.

Some names have been changed to protect students confidentiality

CONTRACEPTIVE	COST	LASTS	EFFECTIVENESS
NORPLANT	\$465-\$625	5 years	99.9%
DEPO-PROVERA	\$22-\$30	3 months	99.7%
BIRTH CONTROL PILLS	\$15-\$25	28 days	97%
COPPER IUD	\$115-\$175	8 years	97%
CONDOMS Male Female	\$.50 \$2.50	one use one use	88% 75.2%
CONTRACEPTIVE SPONGE	3 for \$3-\$5	one use	Women who've not had children: 82% Women who have had children: 72%
DIAPHRAGM/CERVICAL CAP	\$13-\$25	several years	82%
CONTRACEPTIVE FOAM	\$8	20 to 24 applications (1 use per application)	79% * All statistics from <i>Cosmopolitan</i> , summer of 1994



Television course offered next year, more than *Brady Bunch* reruns

DEREK RITTENHOUSE
Sports Reporter

When sophomores and juniors go to do their scheduling at the end of April, they will have another choice in the Industrial Technology Department.

Starting next year Mass Communications 1-2 will be offered at North. Any student who will be a sophomore, junior or senior next year will be able to sign up for the class.

There are no prerequisites, but the student will need teachers to sign a recommendation sheet to be allowed in the class.

Questions that will be on the sheet will include questions about attendance, reliability, and creativity.

The school has purchased 25,000 dollars worth of equipment. The equipment includes station sound machines, cameras, and a sound mixing board.

Now, some may think that a television class would be nothing but old *Brady Bunch* reruns and soap operas. But Mr. Scott Brown assures that the class will concentrate on serious topics.

"First off we will have to teach the kids how to use the equipment. Then we are going to make a commercial that will probably air in the cafeteria, promoting North Side. Also on the show they will concentrate on current events that are taking place at North. The students will do all of the scripts and editing that is necessary," said Mr. Brown.

Just like any other Tech Prep

class, there will be a small fee involved for materials. The fee for the class will be \$10. That money will go toward the purchasing of video tapes that the students will get to keep.

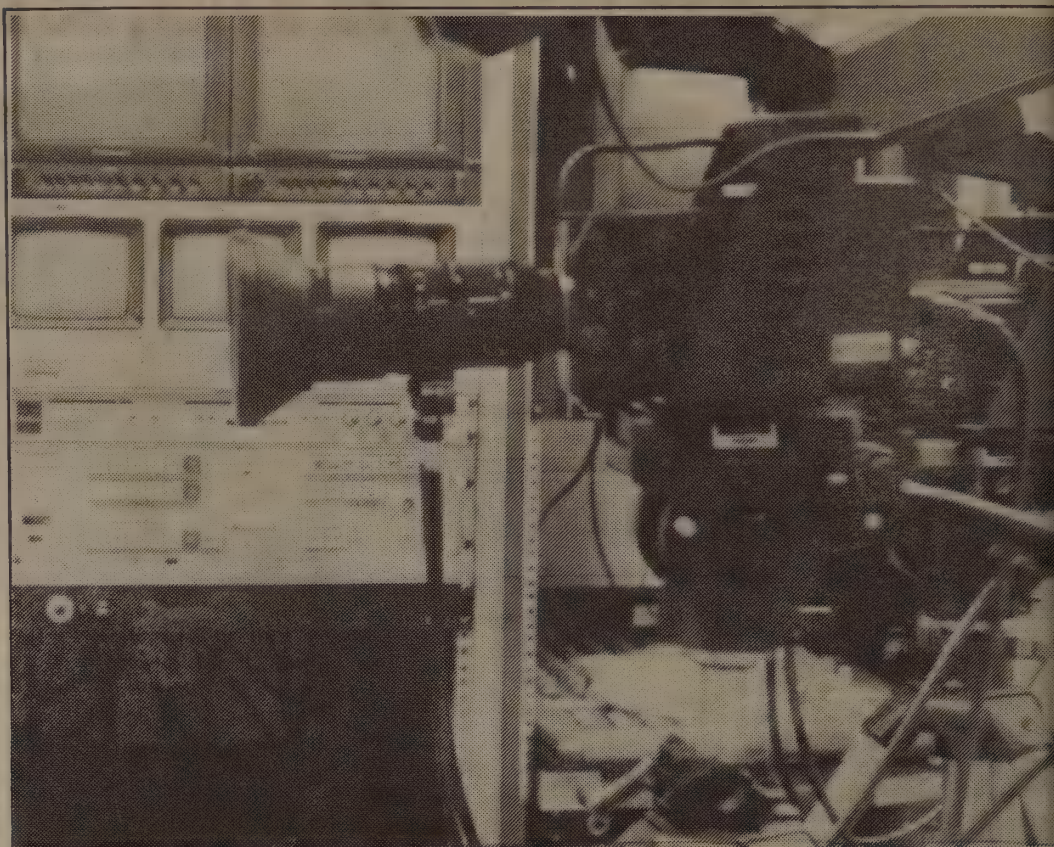
Not only is the class going to study television, but movies and radio will also be a high priority. The students will be going on field trips to area television stations to get a behind-the-scenes look at how the news and other shows are produced.

"My goals right now, depending on how many students sign up for the class, are to start doing public service announcements and commercials. The first semester we will do the commercials and then second semester we will do a show that will air every two weeks, similar to Snider's *Panther Pause*. Our long range goal is to have the daily announcements read on video in the cafeteria," added Mr. Brown.

The class will meet every day in room 331. The room will be renovated into a television studio and the Audio Visual room will be the control room.

Students will get to run the control room and use all of the editing machines that will be needed. The studio will have all the real elements, with all the proper lighting, and cameras that will be needed to make a television show.

Mr. Brown added, "I am very excited about this class and I hope students will sign up for it. Eventually I hope the class will be at least three or four periods of the day. We will have beginning and advanced levels if and when it gets that big."



A NEW TELEVISION course is available for students starting in the 1995-96 school year. This is some of the equipment students will be working with. Photo by Jason Tearman

Old Fort possibly utilized as part of school curriculum

AARON MARTZ
Features Reporter

The Old Fort may be opened in the future for North Side students to study and enjoy.

"A few teachers and I thought of the fact that the Fort is worth keeping," said Mr. Morris who is heading an organization to reopen the Old Fort. "It was the beginning of our community and it is a sad commentary on our community to let our symbol go away."

One of the many plans he has for the Fort is to possibly make it a part of the North Side curriculum.

"Everything we do here (with the Fort) could be applied directly to

something in real life which is something students should have," said Morris. "We're doing something that is connected to real life and we're keeping the Fort running."

Mr. Morris is not the only interested party in the Fort project.

"Right now most of the departments have an interest in it," Morris said. "Right now some don't know what their interests are. Science, Social Studies, and English- they have all shown great interest. When you think about it, they all fit, they all have things they can do."

As of now, plans for a specific class dealing with the Fort are under way.

"It may be an integral part of a number of classes," Morris said. "Second semester we're having meetings with students, teachers, and parents to plan what to do."

North Side's taking over the Old Fort is not for pure educational purposes.

"It made sense for us to keep it running," said Morris. "It's vital at least for education and entertainment as well as pride to community."

Any student, parent, teacher that is interested in the Fort project or who has suggestions please contact Mr. Morris through office as soon as possible.

Academic teams good for hard-working, committed student

CHRISTY MILLS
Sports Reporter

Hard work, hours of research, and a lot of commitment are only a few of the things members of the Academic Super Bowl teams had to consider before joining.

The academic teams give students a chance to challenge their academic ability while competing and matching their wits against other schools on a certain theme. This year's theme is "Environment."

The teams give the students a chance to research their topics more than they would in school.

Mr. Randall Lietchy said, "It also gives students the opportunity to recognize academics, to represent North Side in a way rather than on an athletic team, and it helps them learn how to cooperate and work with other students."

The teams are focused on six main subjects, math, science, social studies, fine arts, interdisciplinary, and English. Each topic consists of a team

of five members.

"We meet once a week for an hour and talk about the subject plus distribute information. We then study it and try to put it to memory by quizzing members of their group with multiple choice quizzes," Chrissy Francies, sophomore, said.

The students participate on these teams for many reasons.

Jana Farrell, senior, said she enjoys being on the team because, "It gives students a chance to meet different people and to see friends who we

haven't see in a while."

Being involved in this activity involves a lot of commitment for each member. The amount of time spent at the library doing research depends on the subject a person is in and whether he or she is a captain.

The students usually spend 2-3 hours a week doing research and meet once a week for an hour to discuss the information in their groups.

Chrissy said, "People trust that you are going to get the job done, especially if you are a captain. Then

you mostly need to run meetings help people find information."

Anyone interested in joining one of the academic teams, should contact Mr. Lietchy before or after school room 130.

Mr. Lietchy said that it is a bit late to join, but students who should be prepared to work hard.

The teams have three meetings each year. They are March at North Side, March 16 at Snider and area competition is April 18 at North Side.



Time ticking away for seniors filling out college applications

ARDUA HARRIS
Features co-editor

It's deadline time.

Time is ticking away for seniors who still haven't gotten those all important college applications out. It's stressful yet exciting time for most.

Mrs. Dolores Klocke, guidance coordinator, has some advice for seniors still trying to decide and for underclassmen who are planning to attend college.

"The ideal time to start looking for colleges is at the start of high school," she said. "Send letters to distant schools asking for more information and applications. The guidance office has most of the applications for in state schools." Mrs. Klocke also suggests that students attend higher education day at North Side.

Mr. Mike Morris, English teacher, said that students should spend their vacations visiting colleges, especially during their junior year. "The college you choose should feel like you belong there," he said.

Colleges usually look at three criteria when evaluating students for admissions—class rank, grade point average (GPA), and standardized test scores, Mrs. Klocke said.

She stressed that students could take the most rigorous courses possible, especially in the areas of math, English, foreign language, science, and social studies, because it

gives them a better chance of getting into competitive schools. "Schools choose students they think can make it in their school," she said.

The guidance office does its best with the numerous applications it receives from students. "It's very important to be conscientious about deadlines," Mrs. Klocke said. "It takes time especially if the application requires a counselor's recommendation." A senior data sheet should be filled out so Mrs. Klocke can write a good recommendation.

The five teachers the students name on the senior data sheet are sent a recommendation sheet also. "There are some 300 and something odd people graduating. We can't know them all personally. The teacher's recommendation gives me more information so I can write a good recommendation," said Mrs. Klocke.

Another source of concern for many students is how to finance their college educations.

"Money should be the least concern. It's always available somewhere," said Mr. Morris.

Scholarship information including a financial aid handbook are available in the guidance office.

"The best place to look for aid is in the school's you're applying to," said Mrs. Klocke. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is available in January of each year. Students are encouraged to fill it out their

senior year before the May 1 deadline, but many colleges have a priority date in March for financial aid.

The most popular school's this year, as in previous years, are Ball State, Indiana University-Bloomington, Purdue University, and Indiana-Purdue, Fort Wayne. But some students are still struggling with their applications.

Darcy Towsley, senior, said "I haven't applied anywhere yet—completely. My deadlines aren't until March." She plans to apply to Purdue, IU, and the University of Miami in Florida to study marine biology.

She added, "The guidance office has been a big help. They've given me lots of scholarship information."

Alex Raftree, senior, also has praises for the guidance office. "I got my application in at the last minute to the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. I got there on time." Alex said he chose the school because of its location and a "great basketball team."

"The hardest part about the college process, is just deciding where to go," said Tacoma Newsome, senior. She has applied to Clark University in Atlanta and Hampton University in Virginia. She has filled out four scholarship applications so far.

The guidance office is available for any student with questions or concerns about the college process and search, said Mrs. Klocke.



LLOYD THOMPSON, SENIOR, gets college application materials from Mrs. Loretta Harris, secretary, in the guidance office. Photo by Richard Ning

Waiting patiently



STUDENTS CROWD IN the assistant principal's office waiting for help with semester schedule changes Photo by Jason Tearman

DECA offers opportunity

RITA MAGSAMEN
Features co-editor

The members of DECA are gaining the opportunities and skills of a business or marketing career.

DECA is the association of marketing students. It was established to make young people aware of civic consciousness, social intellect, vocational understanding, and leadership, according to Mr. Mike Danley, sponsor.

He said, "What it does is incorporate these four elements to develop future leaders in marketing management careers."

To be involved in DECA, the student has to be enrolled in a marketing course and pay a \$10 fee. Members will then compete with other schools on the local, state, and national levels. There are three elements involved in these contests. There is a 100 question multiple choice test and two role play acting situations given. Within these areas, the participant can gain a total of 300 points. The top seven will go on to state level, in which the top seven from there will go on to nationals. There is scholarship money available at the two upper levels.

In order for the kids to participate in these contests, the members

of DECA had to do fundraising projects. They sold entertainment books and peeler booklets, which are books that contain coupons to area restaurants.

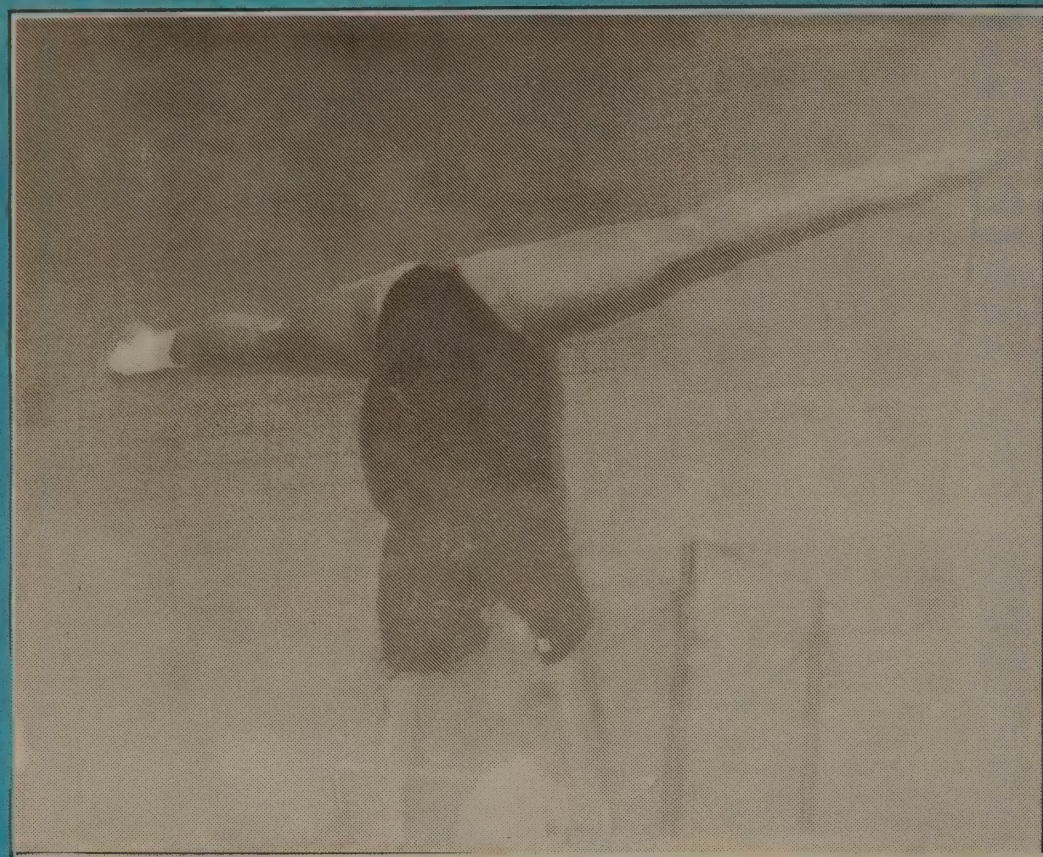
Mr. Danley also mentioned that they might bring back Data Match again for Valentines Day. Data Match is a survey that is sent out to students. The results are then computed and a print out of who a student is most compatible with can be bought for a small fee.

For seniors, DECA adds extra bonuses. There is a co-op program where members get on-the-job experience, earn money, and receive four credits towards their high school degree. Mr. Danley said, "[DECA] will look good on applications and college resumes too." He added that taking a business course as an elective is very important to the students future.

Mr. Danley said, "One reason is that statistics show you that seven out of 10 graduates enter the field of business, while nine out of 10 will be in some form of marketing. If these statistics are correct, graduates from high school who go right into the work force will be pretty secure with the job skills. For those who go to college, odds are they will enter the field with business."



■ What balance!



JESSICA SHIPLEY, SENIOR, performs her routine on the balance beam during a recent practice. Photo by Chrissy Francies.

Swim team short on wins high on improving times

CHRISTY MILLS
Sports Reporter

The guys' swimming team lost to Bishop Dwenger in a close meet last Wednesday with a score of 70-110.

"We had really good times and good team quality, but not enough depth and I think that's what is keeping us from winning," said Mr. David Welkin, head coach. "Jason Ehlerding, senior, Chris Straub, senior, and Adam Lauer, senior all had great times."

There were many first and second place finishers. Adam Lauer, Chris Straub, Jason Ehlerding, and Al Parro, all seniors, placed first in both the 200 Medley and in the 400 Free Relays.

Adam also placed first in the 100 Free and 100 Backstroke. Jason placed first in the 100 Fly and Chris came in first in the 200 Individual Medley.

Second place finishers were Al Parro in the 200 Free Style, Eric Stalter, sophomore, in the 500 Free Style and Chris placed again in the 100 Breaststroke.

The team competed in an

SAC tournament on January 21 and did really well said Coach Welkin.

"We did great in the meet against Dwenger and we also did great in SAC, so we had two good meets in a row which means we are improving a lot," said Coach Welkin.

"We did pretty good in SAC said Eric. "We had faster strokes and again, our times dropped."

Coach Welkin said that even though they aren't winning many meets, the team has improved immensely from the start of the season.

Coach Welkin said, "We are focusing more as a team, our enthusiasm is greater as a team, and most of all we are bringing our times down which is what swimming is all about."

To prepare for the meet the team worked on mental visualization which is where Coach Welkin goes through mental exercises. They also worked on different kinds of spring work.

Members of the team said they would like to have more students attending their meets.

The team's next meet is a sectional competition on Jan. 16 at

Night brings battle with Knights

DEREK RITTENHOUSE
Sports Reporter

The boys' basketball team has been on a roll in the last three games. They have defeated such powerhouses as Huntington, South Side, Whitko. Their streak was ended at DeKalb last Saturday with a 71-69 loss.

That brings their overall record to 13-3. In the SAC they are a perfect 5-0.

Coach Glen Heaton had this to say about last Saturday's loss to DeKalb.

"I think DeKalb got off to a fast start, in the first quarter we scored

24 points and were still behind by five. That was a big thing because DeKalb was then able to play with a lot of confidence. It felt as though we had to play the rest of the game trying to catch up. You have to give DeKalb credit because they came out ready to play."

Turnovers may also have contributed to the loss according to seniors Charnier Corey and Ty Winn.

"We gave up the ball too much early in the game. Then we had to catch up to them the rest of the time," said Charnier.

"Turnovers were the factor against DeKalb because they capitalized on our mistakes," said Winn.

"We're working on improving the defense. Secondly we're working on getting the ball down the court a little quicker. That way we can get some easy baskets. Obviously we're

trying on polishing up a few things for sectionals. Again, we have to work on defense and our fast breaks."

"Anytime you lose it's not good, but on the other hand it was a non-conference game. I think obviously it does bring us back to reality and it makes us realize that we still have to work. We have five games left, and this might motivate us to work a little harder in these last five games."

Senior Keion Brooks, who scored 21 points in the loss to DeKalb, is hoping that the team will work a little harder as the season comes to a close.

"We have to work hard these last five games, just so we don't think that we are invincible when it comes to sectional time," said Brooks.

North Side will be playing the Bishop Luers Knights this Friday at 8:00 at Luers.

CONGRATULATIONS WRESTLERS

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Math teachers are taking back their hall. Students walking down the 130 hall (math hall) need to be on business and had better have a pass or should be prepared to deal with the consequences. The math teachers are cracking down on people in their hall who don't have business there. Mr. Dave Bierbaum, math teacher and leader of the crusade said, "We have had a lot of problems in this hall and we decided to do something about it." He added that since the rules have been put into place, they have not had as many problems.

Eight grade students invade North Side. Students from Northwood and Lakeside Middle Schools invaded North Tuesday and Thursday mornings. They came to tour the school and learn more about North. Many North Side students participated in making this orientation a success by serving as tour guides. Gerardot, assistant principal, said "We want the students to get a good feeling about North. We think it's important for them to be able to talk to high school students about what life is like at North."

Though the second semester is just begun, it will soon be time to plan for next year. The scheduling process for the 1995-96 school year will begin on February 20 and 21 when students receive class information. Schedules will start being made February 27 through March 10.

Congratulations to Gary Gram, sophomore, because he has been chosen by Indiana DECA to represent for State Offices District 3 president. Gary will campaign for office at the State DECA Conference to be held February 17-19 in Indianapolis. Good Luck Gary!

Fishing club starts small with hopes of growing

LUCAS PERKINS
Northern Pike

Recently a fishing club was started up here at North Side, but it didn't get much publicity.

Thinking that maybe other people shared his interest in fishing, Alex Babich, junior, began this club with the help of Mr. Tom Knudson, who also enjoys fishing.

The club has about eight or nine members so far, and the door is open for anybody else who is interested.

They meet on the twenty-second of every month and learn to do different kinds of fishing, such as ice fishing, as well exchange fishing stories.

No ice fishing trips have been taken, and they probably never will be, due to this winter being so harsh and the equipment that is available to the

club not being quite good enough.

In the spring, the club plans to take trips out to various places such as Chain 'O Lakes and others.

Also, Mrs. Mary Larsen, assistant principal, has offered to let the fishing club use some ponds that she owns to fish in.

One addition that has been made to the group recently is a fishing instructor named Smiley.

Alex was in a fishing shop one day talking about the club at North Side, and Smiley overheard the conversation.

He introduced himself, and said that he wanted to be involved with the project.

So, it seems that everything is falling into place for our local fishermen, and plans are abound.

Alex has this to say, "Not many people know about the fishing club, and we just want people to know [about it]. It's going to be fun."

Future Freshmen



FUTURE FRESHMEN VISIT North to get a sense of what it is like to be in high school. Photo by

Students apprehend their Two win photo awards

ERIN MCATEE
News Editor

Last week two students apprehended a suspicious looking man who turned out to be a thief.

A man slightly over high school age was suspiciously playing around the cars outside on North Side Drive, last Wednesday about 10:10am.

Two seniors Tom Konger and Bob Mudrack, were on their way out to their cars when they saw the man.

Mrs. Mary Larsen, assistant principal, said, "Two of our kids saw a suspicious looking man around the cars. They knew it wasn't anyone they knew so they went outside and noticed car windows broken. They asked him to come inside with them."

Tom remembers that as soon as the man saw them, he started to run. "We chased him down North Side Dr. to about Charlotte St. where he fell in the snow and we caught him."

Once the man was brought

in, the police were called to come and arrest him.

Although there was nothing taken, six windows were broken out in students cars. Mrs. Larsen wondered if the man was planning to come back later or just what his plans were.

Mrs. Larsen has heard of similar break ins at Snider and Northrop before the man showed up at North.

She hopes that if the man was responsible for the other break ins, there won't be a problem at any other schools.

"I knew it was the right thing to do because I've had stuff stolen from me too," said Tom.

"It sometimes happens that people witness other robberies but don't take control of the situation and try to catch the people. We didn't want to be like that," said Bob.

Students whose cars were broken into will be able to press charges but that will have to be dealt with through the city police department.

JAMIE FORD
News Staff

then soaking it in a sulfur solution to turn it brown) seemed to add a unique characteristic to it."

Julie Junk and Chris Houck, juniors were entered in a scholastic art contest. It is a yearly contest held for area high school students. Both entered a photograph and received a certificate of merit for their pictures.

Students here were given assignments which met the competitions requirements. In the end, this assignment paid off. Julie said, "I had to enter my picture (a negative photo printed from a slide) in the contest because it was an assignment. If I hadn't entered it, I never would have won."

Chris said, "(My picture) was a really neat picture of a brick sidewalk in Lakeside Park. The sepia tone (a technique of bleaching a picture and

"I like the contest because it gives students a chance to get recognition for their work."
Chris Houck, junior

ture, entitled, *The Prodigal Son* and Chris submitted his picture entitled, *Follow Me*, which were two out of a hundred or more submitted by North Side for the show.

Had the two pictures made it to the finals, they would have gone to a national show in New York to be judged among seven to eight thousand others.

In February, Mr. Massoth will present all of North Side's submissions in the Art Gallery in the 120 hall.

The contest includes pictures from high school students from Angola to Marion. The pictures will be displayed from February 5 to the 26 at the Fort Wayne Art Museum.

Julie submitted her picture,

Dad's outta beer:

Game has gone to greed

This past summer I had the chance to see a Columbus Clippers Triple A baseball game. Now, I'm not a big baseball fan, but during the game I could tell the rookies from the players that had been in the league for a number of years. The reason I could tell is because the rookies seemed to have more desire to play the game. They also had something to prove to the fans and the scouts from other teams.

If only the players in the major league could play baseball with that kind of desire. I'm sure there are some players that don't care how much they get paid, but there are those other players that want to make the six and seven million dollar salaries.

The first problem I have with that is whether or not any human being, athlete or not, is worth that kind of money. Second, baseball is not the most physically demanding sport.

Football, hockey, and even basketball are more physically challenging sports, but they don't get paid anywhere near the amount of money baseball players do. Sure, there are those high-dollar players in each sport that get paid the high salaries because they bring in the fans. That aspect of sports will most likely never change.

As I was watching the game in Columbus, I wondered why any player would want to ruin America's pastime. Of course, maybe they didn't think about that. They should have thought about the effects, like no World Series for the first time since 1905, or all the jobless vendors that sell your Dad too many beers, or even those poor scalpers that had to resort to scalping monster truck show tickets during the strike.

The most important thing they forgot to think about were the fans. After all, aren't the fans the ones that pay those outrageous salaries?

When I think of all the consequences that have evolved from this strike I get very upset. I think of all the people that live in poverty and are struggling to make it. I bet they would love a job that pays them six or seven million dollars to hit and catch a little ball.

Then there are the minor league, college, and high school kids that would love the chance to play in just one game. Those are the players that have the desire to play the sport they love.

A solution to the problem could be to let those kids have a chance to play in the majors. Maybe they wouldn't be so greedy.

That's what it all comes down to, greed.



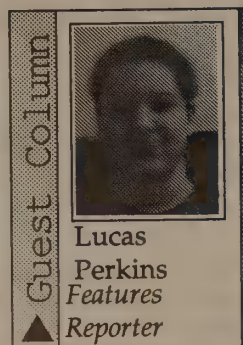
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People problem:

One more scapegoat revealed

I've found that the opinion I'm about to state is not a popular one. In fact, it is decidedly *unpopular*, so I will word this carefully.

Drugs are not a problem in our society, but our



Lucas
Perkins
Features
Reporter

society does have a problem with drugs.

Let me expound. Drugs themselves (pot, crack, heroin, etc.) are not actually the problem. It is people and their reactions and interactions with these substances that create this problem dubbed the "drug problem". It would be more accurate to call it the "people problem."

It is a fact that society's ills are ills because of the society, not because they are originally bad or unfavorable things. Many if not all of these "ills" are used

as convenient scapegoats for human error and bad judgment.

The "drug problem" is a prime example of this system at work.

But don't misunderstand, when I say "people" I am not just referring to those who use drugs, but also to those who proposit to be trying to stop this "problem"—yes-cops, the DEA, and any other time wasting government agencies.

I don't mean to question the character of these agencies. I just mean to say that they are completely unnecessary, and are sucking away valuable funds, time, energy, and *lives* in their pointless efforts.

Personally, (and understand, I only realized this recently) I have absolutely no problem with the existence of drugs in our society. I have never done any illegal drugs myself, but still,

I don't share the fear that a lot of people seem to have of the Great and Evil DRUGS.

If I were to be walking down the hallway and spot, say, three kilos of coke in someone's locker, my reac-

tion would probably be "Hmm, that's a lot of cocaine. Wonder why they have it in school? Idiot," and I would continue on my way. That's it.

Why should I react any other way? So somebody has a lot of drugs in their locker, they will either sell or use them, so? Apparently, *they* are the one with the problem. They are the idiot.

It is foolish for people to allow themselves to be manipulated by an idiot, but some do. In fact, many do. Everyone has a choice as to what things will adversely affect them, and usually, there are enough problems out there to deal with without these pathetic societal demons created by people's ignorance.

The cops, the government, the gangs, the junkies, the dealers are all caught in this insane plot.

There are many ways to fix all this, and many things we should *really* be concentrating on, but that would be a different article.

I guess the final word is just this. Hey, don't freak out.

They're just a bunch of plants!

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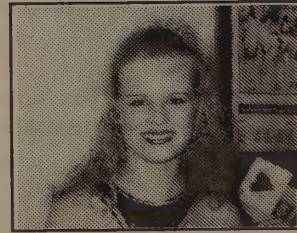
"What do you think of the baseball strike?"



Stephany Gross, senior
"I think it's a crime to deprive men of America's favorite pastime, now they'll just bug us females more."



Richi Kuntz, junior
"I don't care I'm not in the major league."



Lorle Selbst, sophomore
"I don't play baseball so I really don't care, sorry."



Jeremy Cox, freshman
"I think it's stupid."



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Gay teen deals with homophobic society

ARDUA HARRIS
Features co-editor

Freak, fag, queer.

He's heard them all. This North Side student is dealing with the pain, fear, and prejudice that goes along with being a gay teenager in today's homophobic society.

"All my life, I knew I was gay," he said. "I was never sexually attracted to girls. I was in denial until my sophomore year when I met a friend who let me be myself without judgment."

This student, like others in his situation, chose to remain anonymous out of fear of ridicule and fear for his physical safety.

"People don't choose to be homosexual. Why would I choose to be something that I would surely get my a** kicked for?" he said. "Because of ignorance and prejudice, I will never be accepted as 'normal' and will probably stay in the closet all my life."

The student said that he has experienced gay-bashing at North Side. "Certain teachers practically teach ignorance. They make snide

remarks about gays and laugh about it," he said. "It just reiterates why I am still in the closet."

He believes that many people are homophobic because they are afraid to accept anyone different and out of fear of being labeled homosexuals themselves. He added, "What they and others don't get about my sexuality is that it's only .0001 percent of who I am."

There are many myths about gay men and homosexuals in general that this student wishes to dispel.

"It's possible, just as in a heterosexual relationship, for a gay

man to be friends with a male without wanting to have sex with them. All gay men are not promiscuous," he said.

The student admits to having had sexual relationships with women in the past. "I tried to conform to what society says is the norm," he said. He continued, "I had my first sexual experience with a man when I was 16. I felt sick to my stomach afterwards."

"All I could think about was what my parents would say (they don't know and are anti-gay) and what my church is always preaching about

homosexuality being a sin," he said.

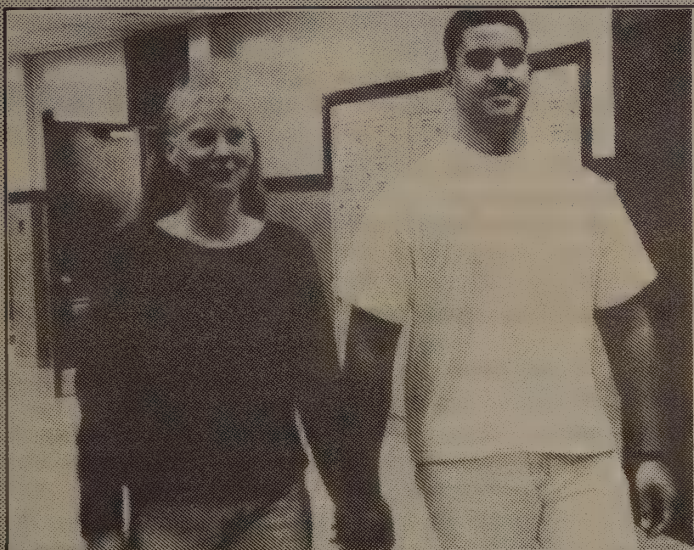
Because of the support of some friends and one in particular, this student has been able to come to terms somewhat with his homosexuality.

A close friend of his said, "I know he is gay. I just don't care. He doesn't hit on every guy that walks into the room. He's like everyone else."

The student has one parting wish for his peers and teachers.

"I don't ask you to like me or my way of life, but I do ask that you respect me as I do you," he said.

Students share past Valentine's Day memories



JIMMY FIEDLER AND Jennifer Ramsey, sophomores, walk down the hall holding hands, a common sight on a typical day at North.
Photo by Richard Ning

RITA MAGSAMEN
Features co-Editor

As Valentine's Day fast approaches, many Redskins are still searching for that perfect gift for the person they care for.

Erin Riley, senior, said about receiving the perfect gift, "I can't tell you what my boyfriend gave me because I haven't gotten it yet."

Mystee Howell, junior, gave her boyfriend a stuffed dog that says "doggone it, I love you!" "He gave me a stuffed bunny and matching earrings and a necklace. He also gave me a sweet card and signed it 'With all my love'."

There are many other options besides gifts. Amanda Herrick, junior, said "Last year my boyfriend made me a candlelight dinner in which everything was either pink or in the shape of a heart."

Amy Witzigreuter, senior, and Jessica Steffen, sophomore, also had candle light dinners made for them. "It's always the thought that counts," Amy said.

Jessica felt hers was special because her boyfriend put everything out on a blanket and it felt "like I was on a picnic."

Over the years, some students have received some pretty odd gifts for Valentine's Day.

"I once got someone a tropical fish but it ended up dying," said junior Kyle Gresham.

Angela Hartman, junior, said one year she felt "confused because he gave me a red bowling ball. I mean, we've gone bowling once or twice, but still that was a little weird. I don't know why, maybe it's because I go out with some pretty strange people. I have never gotten anything like that before."

Jeni Brown, junior, is buying her boyfriend a book about the Civil War because "it interests him and it's something that he'll enjoy."

Memories of past Valentines were also collected by students.

"I remember when a boy gave me a Care Bears book in kindergarten. I still have it too," Katie Alexander, junior, said.

Heather Steffen, senior, was given a stuffed teddy bear that says "Let's Cuddle", which she received in the fourth grade. "I still have the bear in my room," she said.

Jessica remembers in the 6th grade when a guy that had been admiring her came into her math class, got down on his knee, and asked if she would be his girlfriend.

"He said it in front of the whole class. My face was so red and my teacher was even telling me to say yes," she said.

Research paper time for juniors

AARON MARTZ
Features Reporter

One of the requirements of being a junior is having to do a research paper.

Many students feel that research papers are often the most stressful part of being a junior. The research paper is a major part of their second semester grade, and the main focus of the Junior English year. Students automatically fail the second semester if they do not turn a paper in.

Choosing a topic is the first, and sometimes most difficult, step. Topics can cover anything that students can prove through research.

"My topic is 'Does violence run in the family?' and I'm proving that it does or does not. I don't know (the answer) yet," said Juleigh Junk.

Angela Hartman said that choosing a topic which interests you is the most important part. She said it helps the paper come together more easily because you'll enjoy what you are researching.

Although research papers cause much stress for many students, for some, the research paper isn't even a thought in their mind.

"I'm not at all stressed," said Phil Collins, whose topic is about homeless youth and why the government should examine the issue seriously in the near future.

He said, "I haven't even thought about it for awhile." His research paper, though, is not due for a couple of weeks.

Different methods are used by students in order to accomplish

the task set before them.

"I'm writing it page by page," said Mike Deans whose topic is whether passive resistance is used in or on a society with a Christian based moral code. "It's [research paper] due the fifteenth (of February) and we need lots of pages," He said. Mike hasn't been stressed at all.

Cheating on a research paper or buying an already written one has been considered by some students, but recycled term papers can be easily spotted by teachers and will result in failure.

Not all junior English classes are working on term papers. Those starting later in the year sometimes have a different outlook as to what the project actually is and the demands it imposes.

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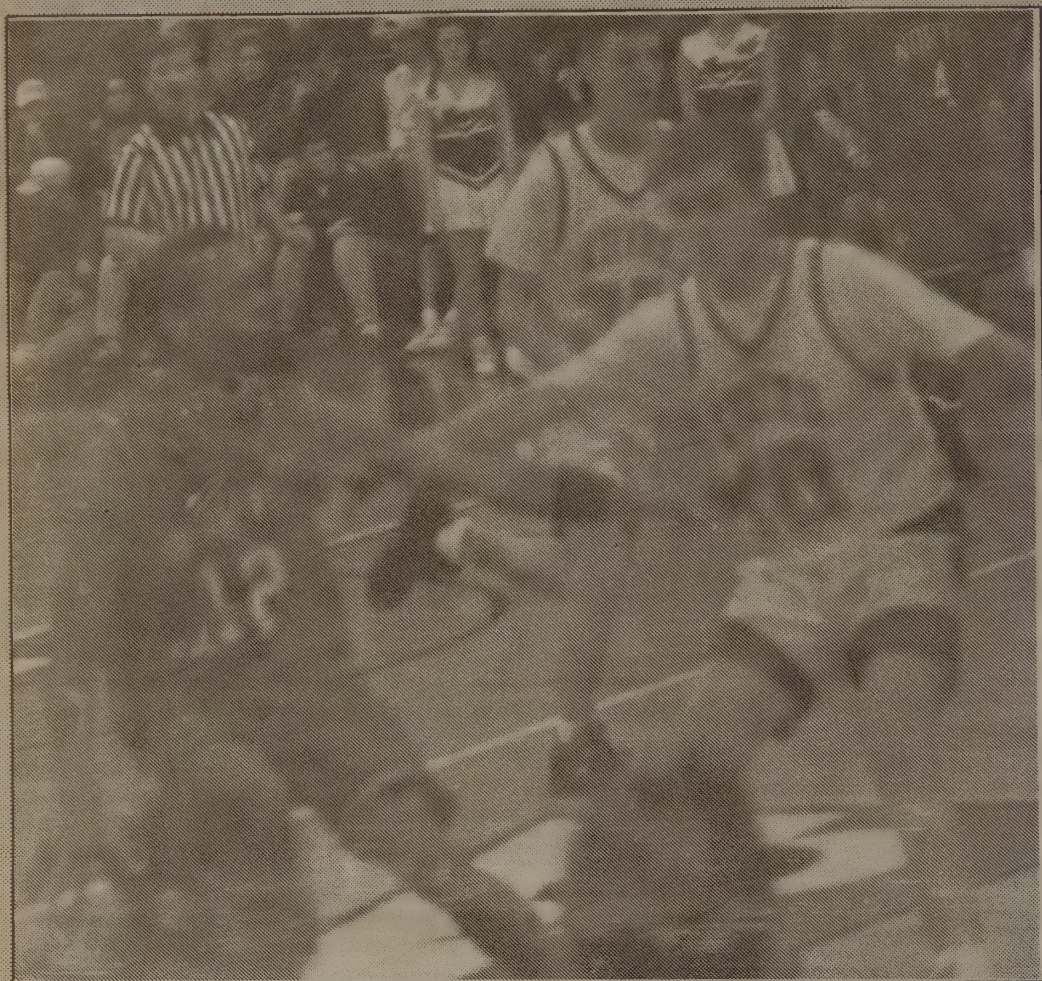
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■ What a face!



KEION BROOKS SENIOR, goes toward the basket with the ball in the Friday night game against Luers. The game was a near shut out when North doubled Luers score. Photo by Alyssa Schroeder.

Girls' season over, young team creates hope for next year

CHRISTY MILLS
Sports Reporter

The girls' basketball team ended their season last Thursday by losing to the Northrop Bruins 53-79 in sectionals.

"We did good in the first half. We were only down by eight points at half-time. Second half we fell apart. We weren't patient and our shot selection wasn't good," said Mrs. Tonya Burns-Cohrs, head coach.

Chris Sutton, junior, was the only double figure shooter. She finished the game with 15 points. The next top scorers were freshmen Erika Shipley, and April Hatch, and Marie Washington, sophomore. All three of them scored six total points each.

Some team members felt that they weren't playing to the best of their potential.

Aarika Dillard, sophomore, said they could have improved the game by working and moving the ball quicker and also by having better defense.

Northrop is now out of the tournament. They were defeated by Bishop Dwenger 50-52.

Coach Burns-Cohrs said, "We had high hopes for this year. We thought this was going to be the year we could beat Northrop."

She also said they played a close game against Dwenger and almost defeated them. Since Dwenger defeated Northrop they thought they had a chance.

"Northrop passed the ball good and we weren't getting the rebounds which really brought our scoring down. We could have played a much better game than we did," said Aarika.

Out of all the SAC players this season (not including sectionals) Chris placed seventh in Individual Scoring with 69 points, sixth in Assists with 57, second in Steals with 82, and second in Blocked Shots with 31 blocks. Marie placed third in Field Goals with 57 and fifth in rebounds by having 125 of them. Aarika placed ninth in Individual Scoring with 62 points.

Aarika said they have improved a lot. "We work better as a team, talk more as a team, communicate more as a team and most of all we all became friends which helped out on the court."

Coach Burns-Cohrs said she is sad that the season is over, but excited for next season because they have a young team and they will be easier to work with next year. "We have improved in all aspects of the game. Next year we will go far."

Wrestlers lack story book ending

DEREK RITTENHOUSE
Sports Reporter

The wrestling team completed their season at the regionals on February 4. They finished with an overall team record of 5-4 in the SAC. At the regionals at Snider they finished fourth overall.

Lack of experience hurt the Redskins this year. Only two seniors were on the team and one, Dan Myers, was out for the season due to an injury. This may have been considered a rebuilding year for North. Many wrestlers will be returning next year with hopes of placing at regionals and semi-state.

Coach Svarczkopf is hoping next year will be a different story when it comes to victories in the SAC.

"It was a disappointing year, but hopefully it will be a different story next year."

Also lack of work and team effort late in the season may have contributed to the downhill slide this season, according to Coach Svarczkopf.

"We should of worked harder

this year, and it showed that we didn't. We were disappointed with the way the we wrestled all year and at the SAC tournament."

Sophomore Ben Gleason had optimistic and good words to say about this year's team.

"For the talent we had we were good. We can only get better from this point on. We had a young team, which is one of the reasons we struggled. The next two years we will improve because all the guys that are returning for next year."

At the end of a season you have memories, good or bad. Ben Gleason has a memory of teammate named Ralph, (senior James Harwell).

"Harwell was wrestling a; from Concordia and got so sick everyone heard it. Since then, everybody calls him Ralph," said Ben.

Senior James Harwell had some optimistic views concerning next year's wrestling team.

"They should do real well. They have some good guys with a lot of experience. That experience will pay off next year when it comes down to tournament time."

Although optimistic about next year's team, he was not as pleased with this year's overall team effort.

"We could of done a lot better than we did, but the lack of experience hurt us throughout the year."

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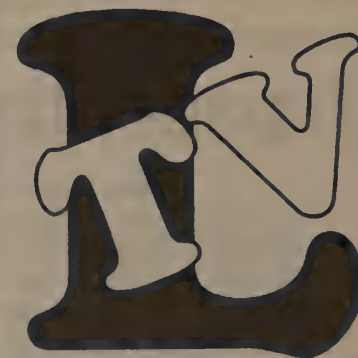
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Stolen locker combinations create hours of extra work

KATY JORDAN
Managing Editor

It was 2 PM last Friday when it was discovered that the book containing the locker combinations to every locker in the school was missing.

This discovery set off a detailed investigation that later led to the recovery of the lost item.

Dr. Richard Gardner, principal, said that when the book was first missing, it was questioned as to whether or not an administrator had borrowed the book in order to help a student. However, before the end of the day Friday, he and others realized otherwise.

The book was recovered Monday containing each and every page. Dr. Gardner said that there were at least two students involved but that the situation is still under investigation. As far as those two students are concerned, Dr. Gardner said that they are "no longer at North Side."

There are only two known incidents where lockers were broken into and items stolen as a result of the missing book. Dr. Gardner said that the items were recovered, and they had never been taken off of school property.

Mrs. Mary Larsen, assistant principal, said that the administration "got lucky" in apprehending the students involved.

According to her, it was from the help of students giving tips and making the administration aware

of things they had heard that made solving this situation possible.

Although the book was recovered, it was required that every locker combination in the school be changed. This was done Friday after school by the custodial staff and administrators and teachers who volunteered their services.

Mrs. Laura Taliaferro, assistant principal, was one of those who volunteered. She said that it was a big job, but that it was a team thing, and with everyone pitching in, it helped make it less of a job.

She said, "I worked for about three and a half hours [changing locks] and Mr. [Ry] Taliaferro [teacher] checked the combinations."

She continued, "It wasn't a job I'd like to do everyday, but it wasn't horrible."

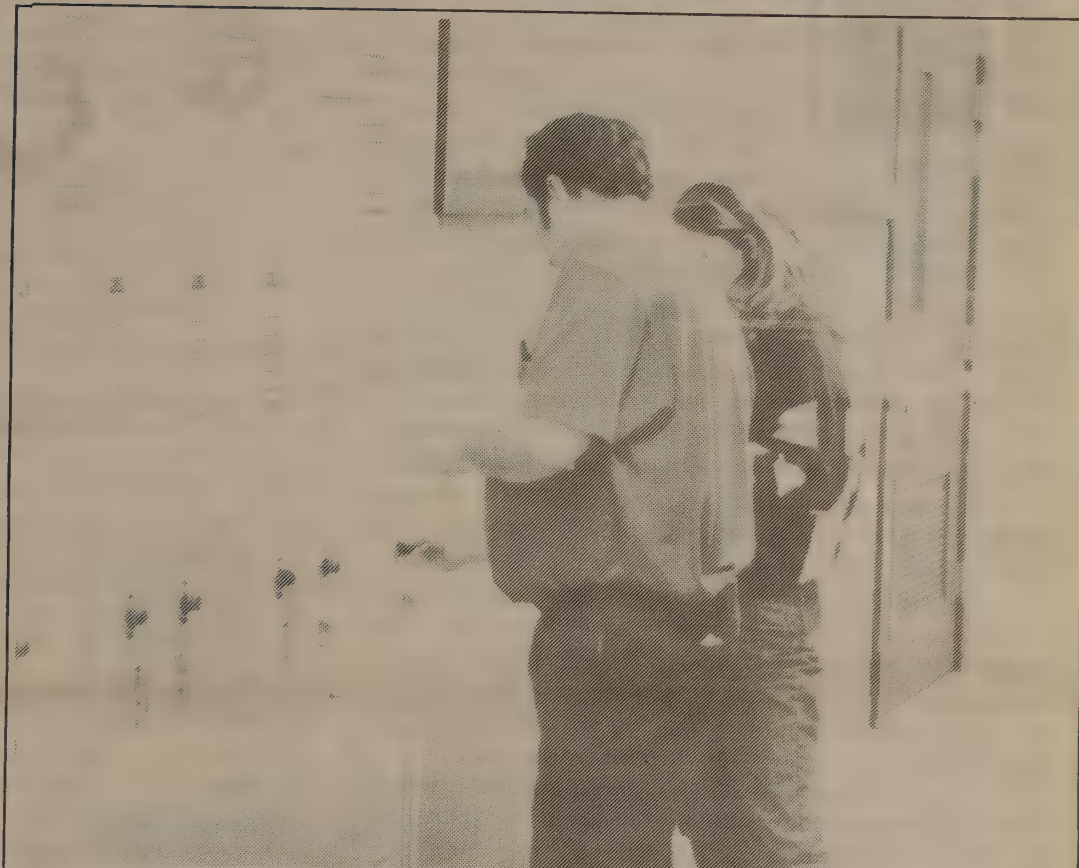
Dr. Gardner said everyone started working on the locks at 3 PM on Friday and finished during half time of the basketball game that night.

Students weren't exactly thrilled with the idea of memorizing new locker combinations.

Crystal Doehrman, sophomore, said, "I couldn't even remember my old combination, let alone try to figure out a new one."

Tina Baker, junior, said, "It made me mad because I keep doing my old combination, and I have to remember to do the new one. It's all just a problem I shouldn't have to deal with."

On the other hand, Ben Senesac, sophomore, wasn't both-



MR. RICHARD BROWN, custodian, helps a student open her locker. All students had to get used to new locker combinations this week. Photo by Jason Tearman

ered by the whole thing.

He said, "It wasn't a problem because the combination was easy, and who really cares anyway?"

Dr. Gardner said that this incident in no way changes his view of teenagers.

He said he believes the ma-

jority of students deplore this type of behavior as much as anyone else.

He said, "There were one or two people involved, but that doesn't mean that the rest [of the students in the school] have a problem. There are thieves at North Side just like in neighborhoods, but the majority [of students at North Side] are very,

very, fine young people."

He added that he considers young people the greatest natural resource that this nation has.

The administration is still investigating the situation. Anyone with information concerning the event should contact an administrator.

'Sweetheart Dance' Friday

JAMIE FORD
News Reporter

Tonight after the basketball game the African American Club will sponsor a Valentine's dance from 9:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. in the Stadium Gym.

Don't be fooled, however, by the dance's name. Single people should not stay away simply because they do not have a sweetheart.

Tanganiky Mitchell, senior, said, "Although the dance is called the 'Sweetheart Dance', it doesn't have to be couples."

Tickets for the dance are \$2 and will be sold at the door. Students from other schools are also welcome, but they must be in high school.

The Sweetheart Dance will

be deejayed by Clayton Walker who will be assisted by North Side's own Jermaine Williams, sophomore.

Students will be able to request their favorite tunes to be played throughout the dance.

Another feature of the dance is that pictures will be taken and the prices will range from \$12 to \$49. The pictures will be taken by Michael's Photography.

Michael's will also offer a group package for friends which will give them three separate poses. The background for the pictures will be lavender and red.

Club representatives said that this will be a casual dance, and that students don't need to dress a certain way, but instead should just be comfortable.

North Side helping clothing bank by collecting money

ERIN MCATEE
News Editor

The FWCS has a clothing bank for the community and it's North's turn to help restock it.

Every school in the FWCS system has to have some sort of drive during the course of the year to keep it stocked.

In the past, clothing drives and other similar events have been held, but this year the PTA sponsors are trying something different.

On Thursday, February 23, students will be asked to donate money

to the cause. No clothing should be brought

The money collected will go to buy personal items such as soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, socks, and things that the clothing bank doesn't always get.

Although the PTA would like everyone to help out of the goodness of their hearts, there is also an incentive. For each dollar brought in by students, they will receive a raffle ticket. One of the prizes is one of ten sectional seasonal passes.

In each class, there will be a representative to help promote the cause. On Monday, Tuesday, and

Wednesday, this person will be reminding their classmates that they can help do a good thing for the community and also buy a chance to support their sports teams.

Mrs. Laura Taliaferro, assistant principal, said "We hope that through a student representative being able to say that [it is all for a good cause] every day to their first period class, that it will help students to remember to bring in money."

"I think it's better to bring money in and have someone go buy what they need rather than have us bring in whatever we think they need," said Laura Kahn, junior.

February 17, 1995

Do you want more space? Field, answer to parking problems

EDITORIAL



Danielle English
Editor-in-Chief

Why is it always the kids? It's always the kids who have to bend in order to appease the adults.

A prime example of this behavior was when we were kicked out of the lot for two days last week in order for the adults attending an inservice to park. (Yes, this grand total of about four cars could not of found a place to park on North Side Drive, they needed some 50 spaces to choose from.)

Closing the lot these days cost me some money. Because the lot was not available, I had to park on North Side Drive along with the other fifty people who were forced out of the lot. Needless to say, it was way out in the boonies.

After arriving to school later than usual on Wednesday, I drove around for a while trying to find a place to park. I looked down at the clock and it sayd ten till eight. I decided to park just anywhere because I didn't want one of those 45 minute detentions that are becoming very popular.

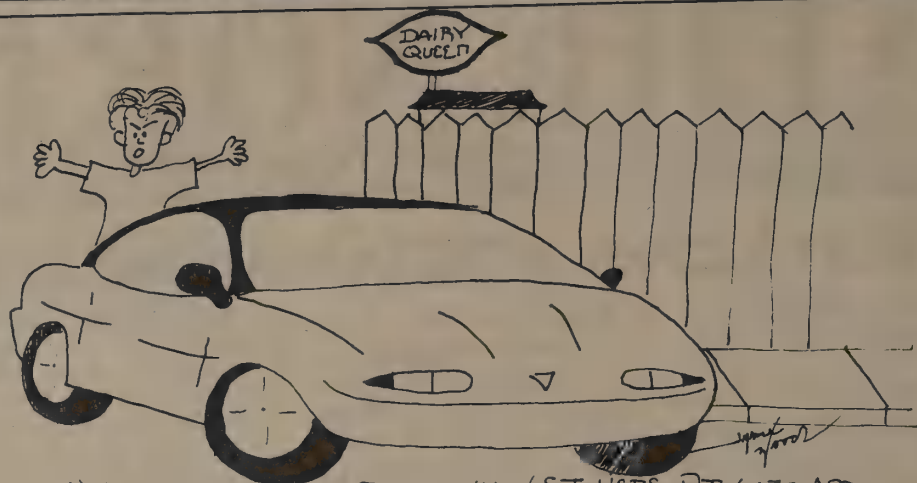
The place I chose was a spot down the road from the school. This spot was partially blocking someone's drive but they could have gotten out, if they really wanted to. If they couldn't, I thought they would call the school and I would get yanked out of class to move my car as happened before. Oh no, not this time, I went to get into my car and it was gone. It had been towed!!!!

The whole way back to the school, and it was a long walk I might add, I was cussing and blaming everyone in the world for my misfortune. Deep down in side I knew that it was my fault for parking in a prohibited spot, but I wouldn't have had this problem originally if the students had more spaces to park in.

My point is that there isn't enough room for students to parkespecailly now that some of the sophomores are getting their licenses and are also taking up spaces. I know this problem has been brought up many times before, but this time I have a solution.

Why don't we get rid of the practice field and make it into a parking lot? The people who play on this field can just as easily walk down to the park and practice. Is it that big of a deal?

If we want more parking there is a solution. If we use our imagination a little.



"I GUESS TOMORROW I'LL GET HERE AT 6:30 AM- I SHOULD'VE JUST STAYED HOME- AT LEAST THAT WAY I WOULD'NT GET A 45 MINUTE DETENTION BECAUSE I HAD TO WALK THREE MILES FROM DAIRY QUEEN."

Illustration by Tyrone Woods

Expand horizons; learn of new cultures

Guest Column



Ardua Harris
Features Editor

It's The simple reason for this article is that to encourage students—black and time white—to learn more about the of the cultural, spiritual, and historical aspects of the African-American community.

You are not integrated enough to include know minorities and their accomplishments what and struggles, this month is I'm set aside where television and radio talk- is saturated with shows focusing on ing African-Americans. Yes, I think about it's sad and unfair that only one month out of an entire year is dedi-

Black History Month. A time at North Side for the last couple years that has been synonymous with controversy and strife.

The purpose of this article is not to resurrect racial tension at North Side; nor is it to blame white people for what their ancestors did to mine centuries ago. It's not even to blame whites for the racism that is still plaguing our country today.

Because our history books are not integrated enough to include minorities and their accomplishments and struggles, this month is set aside where television and radio is saturated with shows focusing on African-Americans. Yes, I think it's sad and unfair that only one month out of an entire year is dedicated to the achievements of African-Americans, but until our books are changed and our teachers make an effort to incorporate more diversity into the classroom, it is needed.

This month is a good time to learn more about other things and people besides slavery and the old standards Martin Luther King and Rosa Parks. I admit that I am guilty

of not knowing much about where I came from. I accepted, without question, what has been taught in school. I limited my learning about culture to textbooks.

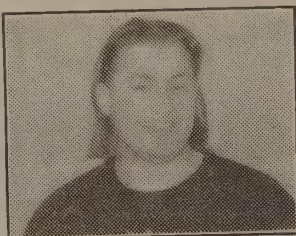
In school, we learn that white men made all the discoveries, had all inventions, and pretty much civilized the entire world. But if you examine history, you would realize that blacks, Hispanics, Indians, women, Asians, etc. played a much more major part than most of us realize.

Again, I encourage teachers and students to take advantage of this month and learn all they can about African and African-American culture, or any other minority culture. My challenge to you, and myself, is to expand our knowledge beyond the textbooks.

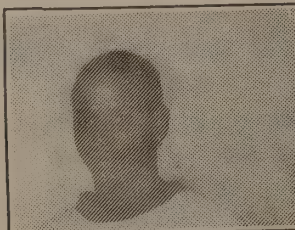
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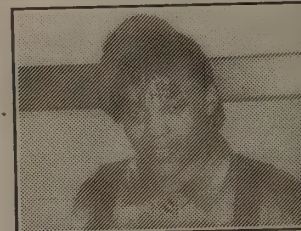
Brendan Clark, Junior
"I watched Oprah."



Kenny Garr, sophomore
"I visited my relatives."



Jenni Forbes, senior
"I read a book about Martin Luther King."



Chrystal Billingsley, freshman
"I watched a min-series about MLK Jr. and read books."



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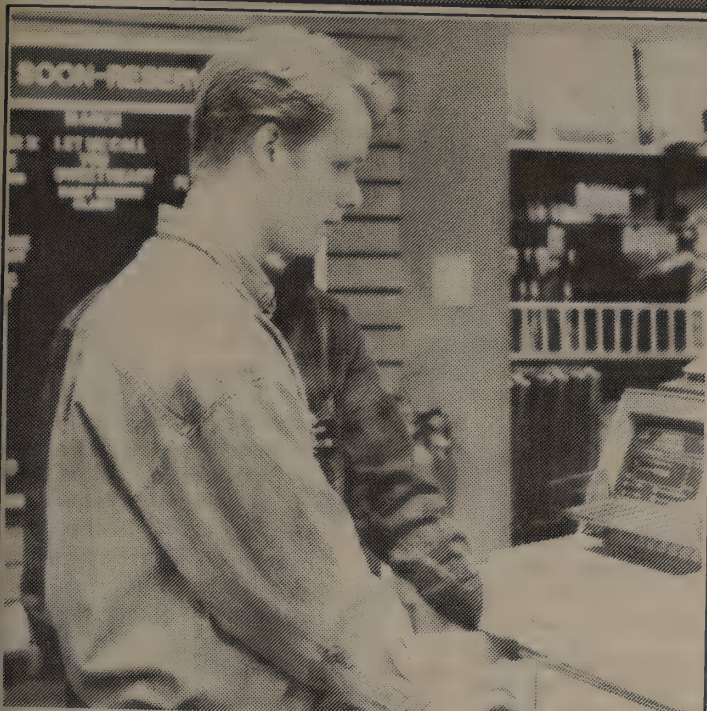
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JOE WATTS, SENIOR, rings a customer up at Walden Books in Glenbrook. Photo by Alyssa Schroeder.

Weekends: a time for work, play, and 'strange' activities

AARON MARTZ
Features Reporter

Weekends are a time for Redskins to relax and break away from the long days of school.

Two students, who wish to remain anonymous, said, "Late at night or early in the morning, we drive down High Street, and there's this one van that we have dubbed 'The Grizzly,' and we shake The Grizzly and then we drive away as fast as we can as the alarm screams behind us," they said.

They added, "When we got bored of shaking it, we mixed together chocolate pudding, cream corn, and toilet paper and did a drive by on The Grizzly, and several other cars through-

out the neighborhood. Then we duct taped bread to the side of the big white van, The Grizzly."

"We don't always do this," they concluded. "Sometimes we just sit around and talk."

Not everyone does engage in this sort of behavior. "I rent out movies, go skating, do homework, and go visit friends and relatives," said Mike Haak, junior.

"I hang out with my girlfriend, Jenna, who goes to Bishop Dwenger," Tom Lesley, junior, said.

While some students follow a more normal routine, others are busily making some extra pocket money.

"All weekend I work, work, and work," said Josh VanDyne, senior. "Then I work a little bit more. I don't do anything weird," he added.

"Everynight I just go out with my girlfriend, and in the afternoons I just work at Gamo's," said Tuan Tran, senior. He said, "I used to go out and mess around, but then I got a job. Working is not as fun as going out."

"I work at Cheddars on the weekend until around 10:30 or midnight. Then I go out with friends from work until around 3 in the morning. We usually watch movies, go eat, or play pool. I sometimes don't get to bed until around 6:30 the next morning," said Jana Farrell, senior.

Others use their talents to improve what would be a normal weekend. "I either work, hang out with my friends, or sit at home in my room drawing in my sketchbook and listening to The Cure," said Brad Ferrier, senior.

Parties hold many activities; place for students to relax

DANIELLE ENGLISH
Editor-In-Chief

on," he said.

Parties take place in students residences, most of the time when the parents are away. "Some parents don't care about the parties, don't know, or the kids have their own place," said Jay.

Tom Konger, senior, said he goes to parties to keep his spirits up and to disillusion reality.

Overall the most common thing to do at parties is to drink, according to the students. People get their alcohol usually from someone older than they are.

Randy Hosford, school police officer, said, "They get it from an older sibling or from small liquor stores."

"Everyone knows someone who knows someone that can get the

stuff", said Tom.

Several students said that Atkins liquor store serves anyone.

Students said the most common drinks are: beer, Boones Farm, vodka, schnapps, and gin and juice.

Drugs are also very present at parties. The most common drug found is marijuana.

Students refer to this as "bud."

According to several students polled drugs can be purchased at several places, including from some North Side students themselves.

Due to all of these activities some people have gotten out of hand either from the drinking, dancing or the use of drugs. As a result some crazy things have happened.

"The most embarrassing

thing I've ever seen anyone do was to take off all of his clothes and think that he was a helicopter. When we all asked what he was doing, he said close the door dude or I'll fly out," said Tom.

Tom was victim to some embarrassment when he started dancing on a friend's table and in turn broke one of the legs of the table sending him crashing to the floor.

"There are a lot of drugs at parties, but sex isn't that common," said Tom.

Not all students drink every time they go out to parties. April Mauller, senior, chooses not to drink sometimes because of her parents, or the responsibility of driving home. "When I don't drink I just have fun with my friends and look forward to

seeing people I haven't seen in awhile," April said.

Still others think that it is just fun to watch the drunken, stoned crowd.

Kristy Baker, senior, said, "I watch everyone else drink and act stupid. Sometimes it's funny."

Chanier Corey, senior doesn't drink at parties because he is too busy, "Macking the honies." He also said that he likes to just talk to people and socialize.

As for sex at a party-Jay Godwin said that most of the freaks just take the sex somewhere else. "They take it home," he said.

Parties allow students to get away from adults and just have fun with their friends, said Jamie Fazio, senior.

Ferriers' art on display in gallery

LUCAS PERKINS
Features Reporter

Brad Ferrier, senior, as an up-and-coming artist, has been accepted into the John Heron Institute of Art in Indianapolis.

He submitted his portfolio of paintings, drawings, and other medium for review and received a positive response.

Even though Brad is a Hoover Scholar, he made it to the final round for the scholarship Heron offers to incoming students based on their work.

Brad chose Heron because he felt it was the most pure art school in Indiana, meaning there weren't as many non-art requirements to deal with.

He and Mr. Bruce Massoth, teacher, jointly decided that it would be a good idea for him to be able to

show his art to some form of audience. Brad says he made the decision "just so that people could see what I've done; maybe get some feedback...just to see how people react to it."

Mr. Massoth said, "I think Brad is unique as a student in that he has already developed a recognizable style."

Much of Brad's work is done in black and white pen and inks be-

cause he feels that it is the most representative of himself. But he says, "I'm still trying to paint and things like that. Eventually, I'd like to expand and try new things."

He does reveal though, that his inspirations include "just the basic sort of emotions."

Starting Monday, there will be a one man show of Brad's work in the art department's gallery.

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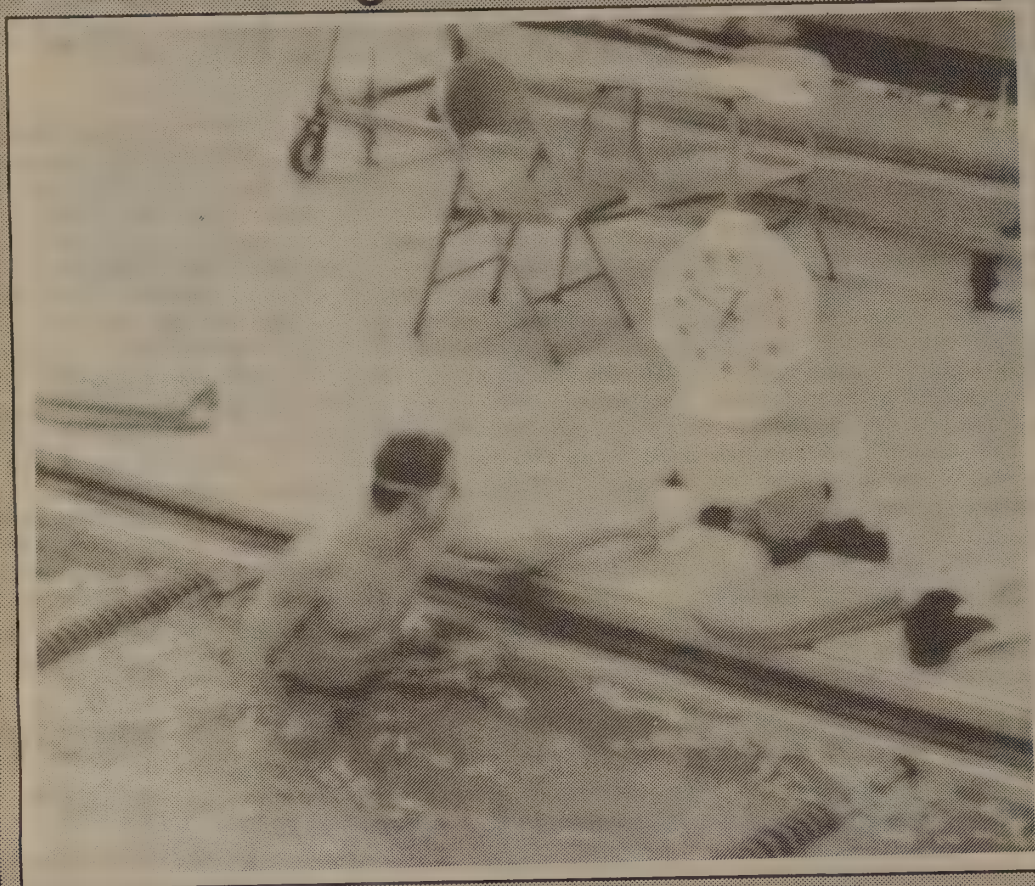
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SENIOR ADAM LAUER reaches for his bottle of water and checks the time before he begins his next drill.
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Improved gymnasts face Spartans on Monday

CHRISTY MILLS
Sports Reporter

The gymnastics team defeated the Elmhurst Trojans last Wednesday and placed sixth out eleven teams last Saturday in the Marion Invitational.

"We did pretty good. We did a lot better as a team," said Lesley Smoots, junior.

The final score of Wednesday's meet was North-88.7 and Elmhurst-77.85.

Jessica Shipley, senior, placed first on the vault, bars, and the floor. She placed second on the beam. Her all-round score was 31.70.

Amy Archer, freshman, placed second on the vault and the floor, but placed third on the bars.

Archer's all-round score was 29.40.

Abbe Oser, junior, placed third on the vault and on the beam.

Also placing third was Lesley performing on the floor.

"We had a better meet on Wednesday, but we did just as good in the invitational," said Jenny Bales, sophomore.

North Side's final score in the Marion Invitational was 87.05

which was enough to move five other teams down in ranking.

Dr. Ron Weiss, head coach, said they did "all right, especially since we competed against several of the top teams in the area."

Jenny said, "We did very good. We were able to beat all the teams we knew we could beat."

In order to improve their meets, the gymnasts had to first improve themselves individually.

"Everyone themselves has improved in different ways," said Jenny.

Lesley agreed with Jenny and added, "We improved everything."

Jenny has improved her kips on both bars and also her back tuck.

One of the reasons the team works so well as a team is because they all became "good friends" said Lesley.

They just competed in a meet against Carroll on Wednesday of this week and defeated them. North's ended with 87 points.

Lesley said, "We did really well. Everyone showed great effort."

The girls' next gymnastics meet is a home meet on Monday, February 20, against the Homestead Spartans. The meet starts at 6:30p.m.

Hockey dares teams to cross new line

DEREK RITTENHOUSE
Sports Reporter

Last Tuesday night, the Redskin hockey club defeated the hapless Carroll Chargers, by the score of 6-1. The Redskins controlled the tempo of the game from the drop of the puck.

In the first period of play the Redskins blistered Carroll's goaltender with thirteen shots, eleven of those he stopped. The Redskins also created a lot of traffic out in front of the goalie. That is one of the reasons why North had a two goal lead after the first period, according to senior Jason Lambert.

"The traffic out front helped get a couple of goals, if the goalie can't see the puck then he can't stop it. I think we have done that pretty good this year."

In the second period North got two more goals off the sticks of senior Tom Konger and junior Wes Robb. Once again North kept the pressure on the Chargers all period long.

"We played a good game. Right now the rest of the games are going to prepare us for the state tournament. Our defense is playing better than ever and our goaltending is still improving every game," said junior

Corey Endter.

The third period brought on much of the same. The Redskins scored their final two goals and Carroll got their lone goal of the game. Carroll's goal came with about seven minutes to play. By that time North was well on their way to a victory.

Scoring for North were senior Tom Konger, juniors Wes Robb(2) and Corey Endter. T. J. Wagner and Randy Linker also scored for North.

Both T.J. and Randy attend other schools

Senior Tom Konger had this to say about last Tuesday's game.

"We played a good game, but that was expected of us since we weren't playing a very tough team. Everybody contributed, that is what we have to keep doing if we want to do

well in the state tournament. The lines were shuffled around a little, but I think we played well with our new lines."

The Redskins are still in first place after their victory last Tuesday. Biting on their heels are the Homestead Spartans. The Redskins are just one point ahead of the Spartans. Next week the Redskins conclude their regular season against the Snider Panthers. If North wins that game they will be the regular season champs. They will have a bye during the first week of the city tournament and will play the winner of the Snider/Carroll game.

The next challenge for North will be the state tournament February 24-26. North has been seeded number five in class AA. Their first game at the state tournament will be against North Central.

CORRECTION

Varsity wrestling coach Chris Svarczkopf was misquoted in last week's issue of *The Northerner* in the article entitled 'Wrestlers lack story book ending.' Mr. Svarczkopf was in no way disappointed with the performances of the members of the team or with the season itself. *The Northerner* apologizes for the misunderstanding.



SOPHOMORE JENNY BALES performs her bar routine at the team's meet.
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60% to 70% reduction in tardies with new tardy policy in action

ERIN MCATEE AND
JAMIE FORD
News writers

Since the new tardy policy has been in effect, the number of late students has drastically declined, according to the attendance office.

In the past month or so, the number has dropped approximately 60 to 70 percent.

Mrs. Dorothy Lovett, assistant principal, said that there have only been about 70 tardies per week as compared to before when there were about 70 per day.

Out of 1700 plus students, only two students have reached their third tardy. No one has surpassed that

amount, said Mrs. Lovett.

Mrs. Lovett said that this new policy is something that was needed by the school. "Too many young people weren't taking attendance seriously. Attendance is important. Without attendance, you can not be successful," she said.

Mrs. Lovett said that they have stuck to the rules with the policy.

They want to "send out the message [to parents and students] that the policy will be stuck to."

Mrs. Lovett did say that most parents have been cooperative with the policy.

They [the administrators] have worked with the parents of students who are tardy all the time to try

and help them out.

Since the administration has reached their goal of reducing the number of tardies, with this policy, they are planning on leaving the policy in place for the remainder of the year.

With only some minor revisions, it will return again next year, hopefully with similar results.

Just in case some students have forgotten the policy, the first tardy results in a detention from 2:45 to 3:30. The second tardy results in a detention from 2:45 to 4:00. The third tardy results in a detention from 2:45 to 5:15.

The fourth tardy is the same as the third and other interventions at the discretion of an administrator.

Fowler-Finn made his debut at North

ERIN MCATEE
News Editor

and then should be recognized for that.

Second, Dr. Fowler-Finn said he believes that it is the teachers who make the differences and he wants to recognize this. Finally, he believes that the principal makes this happen.

In demonstrating his dedication to the children in the school system, he said, "I will do no less for any child, than I would do for my own children." Dr. Fowler-Finn has three children enrolled in FWCS.

After being asked about initiation of new programs, he said that first he plans to evaluate the existing programs. He said that he won't spend any money on new programs until programs presently in use are properly funded.

Dr. Fowler-Finn said he believes communication is the key to success and hopes to open these lines.

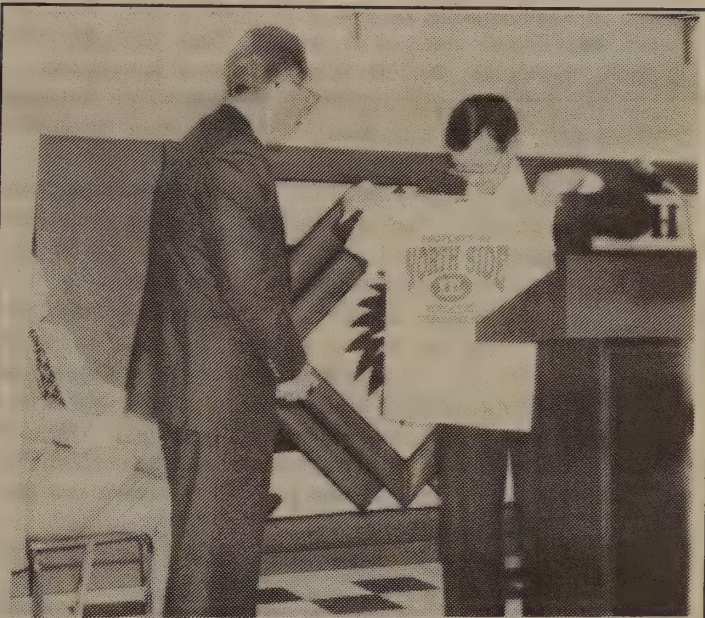
Dr. Fowler-Finn said he plans to track the graduation rate from high school and investigate ways to improve it. He then talked about a program started in Massachusetts.

To help improve Massachusetts' rate, a program was started where students came to a special "store front school." The students worked during the day and then went to school from two to nine.

But, they didn't go to a "school." They were taught at a store. If the students didn't go to school then they didn't go to work.

Dr. Fowler-Finn said that since the kids wanted money in their pockets, they all attended their school and the graduation rate rose.

Dr. Fowler-Finn said he has many plans for the FWCS system is ready to begin.



DR. RICHARD GARDNER, principal, presents Dr. Fowler-Finn with North Side sweatshirts from the school on Tuesday evening.

Comcast and Fury team up to help out Three Rivers Literacy Alliance with "Report Card Night at the Fury"

JAMIE FORD
News Reporter

Alliance is a not-for-profit organization designed to provide service to those who cannot read or have trouble with reading.

There are three types of programs offered from the Literacy Alliance.

They are family literacy, workplace literacy programs, and adult one-on-one tutoring.

Family literacy is when parents attend school with their children. Their child may go to one

part of the school and their parent may go to another location in the building.

Workplace literacy programs help employees at certain businesses to improve their work skills.

Adult one-on-one tutoring helps an adult improve their reading skills.

This may help them open doors to new opportunities in their work field or the way they present themselves.

Mrs. Laura Taliaferro, As-

stant Principal, said, "I think the Three Rivers Literacy Alliance is a great program for people who can't read or who have trouble reading. I think if a parent learns to read, it is a wonderful bonding experience for them and their children."

Anyone can get involved with this program whether they can read or not. If they are a good reader, volunteering to be a tutor is highly recommended.

This program can help people

go on to advance their knowledge in their career field and even build their self-confidence.

"Reading is an important skill. It can open doors to a variety of opportunities. I believe the more literate the community, the better the community is." Mrs. Taliaferro commented.

If anyone has any questions concerning the Three Rivers Literacy Alliance, they can call 426-7323 to talk to someone about the program.

Race still a problem

The Leo, Harding desegregation issue sparked many alternative proposals besides forced bussing. It prompted the idea that our society needs to address the current underlying forces of racism.

One of the reasons the proposal to desegregate Leo and Harding was denied was due to the racial tensions. It would have caused in the surrounding community

To have African-Americans bussed to an all white school and then whites bussed to a predominately African-American school would have caused some major problems. The question,

which needs to be answered is why?

The problem is not with the proposal at all instead the problem lies much more deeper than that. Let's analyze why the proposal was really shot down and think about that.

A little town like Leo would not have appreciated being told that they had to have x-number of African-American students. There could have actually been a riot. A riot over an issue that is supposed to be buried and way in our past.

If being racist is so politically incorrect why is there still a problem in this society?

The Leo, Harding desegregation proposal was meant to do good, and to adhere to the state laws. Society isn't all white, black or yellow. It is a mixture of all sorts of races and people. To mirror society should be the focus of the schools. They are supposed to prepare us for real life. Real life isn't composed of just one race.

We come then again to the same question, why is racism so dominant still? One would have thought that these actions would have disappeared by now, but they haven't.

If in a room there was one Asian with four African-Americans who would be excluded? The Asian would be. If it were reversed the one African-American will be excluded. Why do gravitate to our own kind? Does this gravitation cause hatred of other races?

On Oprah Winfrey the other day they had a white man who dressed up as a black man and then two black men who dressed as whites. All three of them were more than happy to express the prejudices that they experienced. The white man said that he was followed as a black man and then even stopped by the police. He went on to say that such instances had never happened to him before. The two black men said that they got more privileges as a white man than they had as a black man.

Why is color so important? This is the question that no one seems to be able to answer.

Subsets must be filled with commonalities

RON FLICKINGER
Commentary

It is interesting that in the one month of the year that our society sets aside to celebrate the contributions and social benefits we all have been given- and are currently given- by African-Americans, that there is so much racial strife in the community. That reported strife, plus some of the opportunities I have to interact with students as a counselor, has made me stop and do some deep thinking about my own commitment to racial reconciliation.

As I began to think about things racial, my thoughts went to a strange place: a "Theory of Arithmetic" class I took my first year at the University of Montana taught by a man named John Peterson (who also was the author of the textbook we used.) Nothing related to racial issues happened in that class, but I learned, what was to me at the time, a very fascinating mathematical concept- Set Theory. Set theory is cool. It is a fundamental notion in mathematics and all it says is that we can group elements with common characteristics. I learned that there are things called "subsets" which says that there are elements in some sets that are also in other sets and because of these elements, we can "intersect" sets. I even found out that we can take all the elements in one set and combine them with all the elements in another set and have what is called the "union" of two sets. Set theory organizes mathematics in such a way to make positive things happen.

So, what's that got to do with race relations and Black History month? Well, as I look at my life, I realize that I am a member of a "set" which is actually made up of several subsets. I find my subsets actively intersect with other subsets on a daily basis. For example, I belong to the set "Human", but also to the subsets, "male", "husband", "father", "educator", "co-worker", "citizen", "short", "old", "white", - and so on. My membership in those subsets dictate not only my personal behavior, but my ability to intersect with other subsets.

There are elements in my subset "male" that I must purposely activate that are also common to my wife's subset "female" in order for us to have a productive, and fulfilling marriage relationship. It works- we've been happily married for 27 years with no end in

sight. Our subsets intersected in a meaningful way, but it took great amounts of effort in those 27 years for both of us to find and hold on to those common elements that allowed us to flourish as a married couple.

In my subset "student", I had to actively seek out common elements with all those subsets called "teachers" in order to find an intersection for me to be successful and productive. Had I and those teachers not taken the responsibility to find common elements, they would have been highly frustrated, and I would have been highly failed!

As I mediate on all the above, I find that my subsets are full of things that I can easily find that allows me to intersect and even create unions with other subsets in the human experience- all except one that is. My subset "white" struggles to meaningfully intersect with the subset "Black"- and quite frankly, I am convinced that most of the subsets "Black" also struggle to meaningfully intersect with me. Some would say there are none, or at least not many, commonalities in the two subsets to create a meaningful intersection. Their message has been loud and clear these past few weeks in many of our local schools.

However, I beg to differ. There is an infinite number of commonalities in those two subsets, Black and white, but there is a definite failure, by both Blacks and Whites, to exercise the individual human will to the point of creating meaningful intersection. I am reading a great book called *Breaking Down Walls*, by Raleigh Washington (subset Black) and Glen Kehrein (subset White) (Moody Press, Chicago, 1993) in which they confront my personal responsibility in combating the plague of racial strife in our culture/community.

They give eight principles that both me and my Black American acquaintances need to put in our relative "subsets" in order to develop meaningful reconciliation. I'd like to share those.

Principle #1- COMMITMENT TO A "PERSONAL" RELATIONSHIP. A Black person and I must enter into a friendship relationship and make an "unconditional" commitment to cultivate it as deep a level as possible.

Principle #2- INTENTIONALITY. The relationship we develop cannot be dependent upon happenstance,

but must be purposeful, positive, and planned with activities that facilitate reconciliation.

Principle #3- SINCERITY. We must be willing to be vulnerable, which includes the self-disclosure of feelings, attitudes, differences, and perceptions with the goal of resolution and building trust.

Principle #4- SENSITIVITY. There must be an intentional acquisition of knowledge in order for us to relate empathetically to a person of a different race and culture.

Principle #5- INTERDEPENDENCE. As we relate, we recognize our differences, but we realize that we each offer something that the other needs, resulting in equality in the relationship.

Principle #6- SACRIFICE. We, as we work to develop an intimate friend relationship, must be willing to relinquish an established status or position to genuinely adopt a lesser position in order to facilitate a cross cultural relationship.

Principle #7- EMPOWERMENT. By willing use of both repentance and forgiveness, complete freedom is created in a cross-cultural relationship.

Principle #8- CALL. A Americans (which includes Hoosiers) must be involved in the reconciliation of the races. However, some are gifted and therefore have a special call to be racial reconcilers. We need to do some deep soul searching- Is it me?

Washington (raised in Florida) riding in the back of the bus and drummed out of the army [82nd Airborne Division] for racial reasons) and Kehrein (raised in Ripon, Wisconsin with absolutely no contact with people Black people until 16 years old) elaborate on the eight principles from their personal experience of their own friendship. We all ought to read the book.

I, as a white male, refuse to take the blame for the racial strife in our culture, or give the blame to my fellow citizens who happen to be Black. However, the blame for the lack of purposeful, personal reconciliation falls heavily on all our shoulders. Racial tension in America (and Fort Wayne) will not cease until we (Black and White) take our respective subsets with commonalities. The above eight principles see a good place to begin.

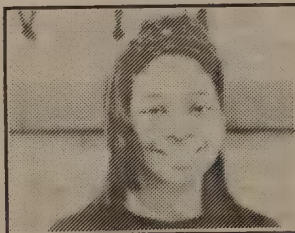
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Off the Record...

"How do you feel about bussing students for desegregation?"



Angle Storey, sophomore
"I think students should be allowed to go to the school in their district."



Jamillah Young, freshman
"I think students should be allowed to go to whatever school they want."



Shabaz Khaliq, junior
"I feel it would be a good thing because people could learn to get along with all races."



Ben Pepple, junior
"Do watcha' gotta do."



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Summit City offers many activities

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The February blahs.

That's what several students have nicknamed this time of year when all the holiday excitement has died down. It seems like such a long time until spring, and the next vacation break.

The question that goes through minds at a time like this is 'What is there to do?'

To help make the days until spring break a little more bearable, check out some of these spots that Fort Wayne has to offer.

Tokens and Tickets, located at The Shops on Coldwater Road, offers a wide variety of arcade games.

The good part is that tickets are rewarded for so many points earned. These tickets can then be traded in for prizes. So start checking under those couch cushions for spare change.

If you want something more athletic, try bowling. There are many bowling alleys in the area. Tony Gentile, junior, likes to go to Brunswick.

He said, "I like bowling. It's a lot of fun. I also play pool there with my friends."

At many alleys, there are also video games, pool tables, and a snack bar. Another plus is that they provide the shoes and the bowling balls for you.

The Memorial Coliseum always has something for everyone. Whether it is basketball, performed by the Fort Wayne Fury, or hockey, by Stanley Cup Winners the Komets, a good time is enjoyed by all.

Brande LeBrosse, freshman, said, "I like to watch the Komets and the Fury, but I like basketball more fun because it's more interesting and fun."

If sports aren't an option, in March the annual show, Stars on Ice, is coming back into town. Here you can witness Olympic champions Paul Wily, Scott Hamilton, and Kristy Yamagucci skate to musical selections.

Check the daily paper for any concert news. Suzanne Medford, junior, went to the Boyz II Men concert at the Coliseum.

Brande said, "I love them. I love listening to their music."

For the nature lovers, try taking a walk, or go to your favorite park. The weather is finally changing and getting some fresh air might be relaxing.



THE MALL IS A popular place for students to visit. Photo by Alyssa Schroeder.

Different techniques used to handle discipline problems

LUCAS PERKINS
Features Reporter

When students disrupt a class, teachers must have a way of dealing with the issue. Many students feel that some teachers are not fair in their methods, but agree that most are.

Mr. Julio Garcia, Spanish teacher, said that he doesn't like to have to remove students from his class. "I discuss it with them first—I discuss it several times," he said.

He tells them that they should "settle themselves." If they don't heed his words, he will take it to their family, and eventually the office.

He does stress though, that writing referrals is his last resort. He

said, "I would rather do it myself" than dump the problem on others.

Mrs. Vicki Davis, art teacher, said she will "first try to talk to find out if something has happened" that would cause the student to act in a disruptive way. "I try to build up a rapport of mutual communication," she said.

Rather than remove the student, she tries to find a way to "make it through the year together, if nothing else."

"I try to do everything in the room," she said, and she makes writing referrals her last resort.

Disruptive behavior has apparently become a bigger problem in recent years than it had been before.

"It seems to be more prominent than before," said Mrs. Davis, "When I first came to North Side, the discipline was almost non-existent."

"I try to build a rapport of mutual communication,"

Mrs. Vicki Davis, teacher

Aliens exist in student minds while others still in disbelief

LUCAS PERKINS
Features Reporter

Xenophobes. Extraterrestrials. Aliens. Those little green guys that occupy U.F.O.'s. They are here, and they are among us. Or so one student says.

"They exist, and the government has some, but they're keeping it secret," says Jeremiah Miser, junior, "I'm sure the government has got parts of their crashed ships. I think they're just observing them and doing tests."

On the other hand, junior Steve Boehme says, "They exist, but not on Earth."

It is not surprising that people would believe that we are not alone here on Earth, or even in the universe.

With the plethora of popular movies based on the existence of these creatures, such as the Alien Trilogy, the Star Wars Trilogy, Predator, Fire In the Sky, Communion, They Live and pretty much any movie found on the Sci-Fi channel, the idea has been saturated into the minds of the public.

Also, the supposed "fact based theories" presented on T.V. "news" shows has sparked much belief.

On a more logical note, Jeff Kayser, junior, says, "I don't think there would be an entire universe just for one planet."

But, lest you get the wrong impression, there are doubters in this theory of life beyond the stratosphere, and with good reason.

"H*** no [they don't exist]!" says Dale Cooper, junior.

No actual proof of beings other than those from Earth has been publicly recognized, so it is not surprising that some people have no reason to believe in their existence.

But, whatever one's theories, the question will only truly be answered when one has experienced the proof him or herself.

Q: What classes are liked the most and who are the favorite teachers?

A: Band is my favorite class and Mr. King is my favorite teacher. I enjoy playing music. Mr. King makes you want to learn more; plus he's got that cool hairy thing under his lip.

Marcus Farr, junior

A: Government because it's the easiest. I don't really have a favorite teacher, but a good teacher should make you want to learn.

Tuan Tran, senior

A: Mrs. Houk is my favorite. She's cool. I service work for her. She's a real liberal—she lets me do what I want.

Spanish is my favorite class. It's the longest period of the day and every minute of class time is used for rigorous instruction.

David Youngpeter, senior

A: Orchestra is my favorite and Mr. Kenner is my favorite teacher. I like music a lot. He (Mr. Kenner) is really nice.

Jamie Pütner, senior

A: Drafting (is my favorite) because it relates to what I want to be (an architect). Incidentally, Mr. Scott Brown is my favorite teacher because he is easy to relate to and is down to earth.

Jason Hart, senior

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Lauer first to go to state; competes tonight

DANIELLE ENGLISH
Editor-In-Chief

He is the first one to do it. Adam Lauer, senior, is the first Redskin to make it to state in swimming.

It all happened on Saturday in the final round of sectionals. Adam said, "I could see the guys [swimming] next to me the whole time. Seeing them makes me go faster because I feel like I have to turn my arms over faster than they do."

Adam competed in the 100 yard backstroke. "When the race was over I didn't even know that I'd won. I just got out of the water and laid on the tile trying to catch my breath." Adam won the race with a time of 55.5. Second place time was 55.61.

Swimmers go through a ritual before sectionals called shaving down. What this means is to shave off all of the hair on the body except what will be covered by a suit. For guys this means shaving their chest and legs.

"On Thursday [the preliminaries] Joe Trent [a top competitor] had already shaved down, and I hadn't, so I knew that because I had shaven down on Saturday that I had him."

Coach Dave Welklin explained that shaving down created less drag in the water. He said, "Little air molecules collect on hair and create resistance in the water. Be it a little resistance, but still resistance." Less drag equals a faster time, he went on to explain.

At the beginning of the season Adam's first meet time in backstroke was 59 seconds. He managed to drop four seconds in one season. Adam said that he gave up a lot to do this.

"I practice before school and after, sometimes swimming a total of 6 miles in one day," Adam said.

Adam also said he practices during vacations.

"Overall he's worked very, very hard to achieve what he has. I think it is a just reward for such work," said Coach Welklin. A whole season's worth of work took those four seconds off, Coach Welklin explained. "We started with stroke mechanics and then went to distance and then we fine tuned the stroke. Adam does a standing start and a cross over flip turn," he said.

Coach Welklin said, "When Adam won I had to look twice at the times board to make sure. I always knew that he could win it was just a matter of making him believe that he could also win. My mouth just went open when I realized he won. Then I started yelling and jumping up and down."

When the team found out that I won they went nuts too, said Adam. "They all ran up to me, and we just went nuts. I had to rest because I had to swim in a relay in about four minutes so I took it kind of easy," said Adam.

Adam said that he swims because he gets a sense of accomplishment out of it.

"I have done a lot that no one else has done. I am the first person to go to state. I have set a major record here at North. Not many people can say that they have done that," said Adam.

Adam has a history of swimming. He just didn't join the team this year and accomplish this feat. "I started swimming about three years ago. I swim in the summers usually April until July and then before my season starts so I don't die on the first day of practice."

"In preparation for state, to-

night and tomorrow Adam is still tapering [less yardage, more quality sprints and more rest]," said Coach Welklin.

Adam said he visualizes the Natatorium every night and goes through the race in his head to prepare himself.

The Natatorium is known for it's speed, said Adam. "It's the fastest pool in the world."

Adam is seated 14th and the top 16 advance on the final rounds tomorrow.

"[The Natatorium] is the perfect building, temperature, depth, and no waves," said Adam.

"At state it is anybody's race. Everyone swims faster there so there are no guarantees," said Coach Welklin.

Adam is very nervous right now. "Just talking about it makes me nervous and anxious. I'm sure that when the race comes I will get much more nervous."

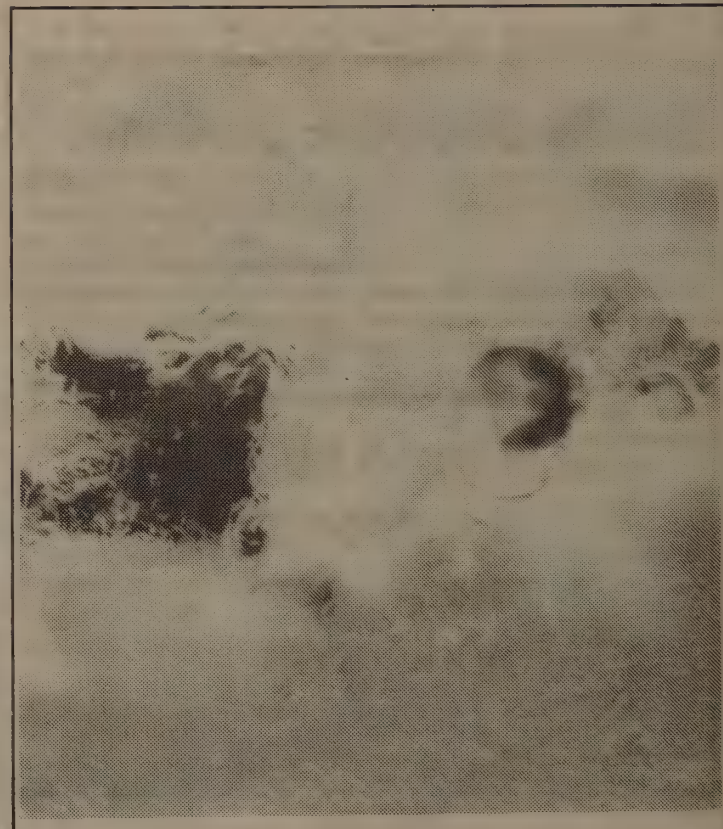
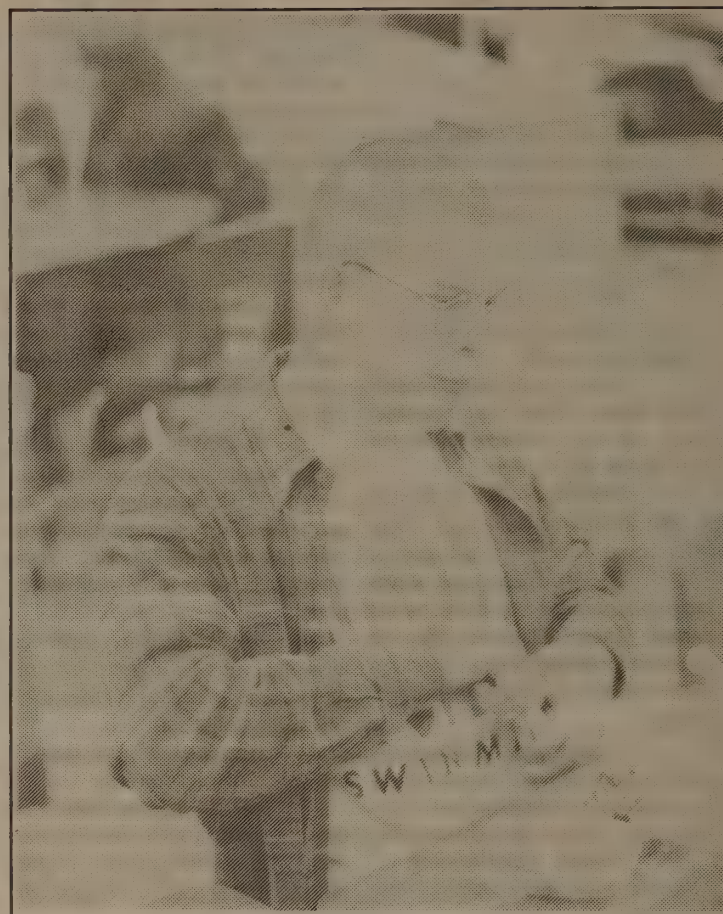
"Adam has the potential to go very fast because he hasn't peaked yet and a lot of other swimmers have. The race will be determined by how much he wants to do and give. The potential is there it is in his hand to take," said Coach Welklin.

He added that the 14th seat is 55.5, the 13th seat is 55.4, which tells how close the race is going to be.

Unlike some, Adam doesn't go through any rituals before he races. "I just stretch my arms and prepare myself," he said.

As for food, he said that he doesn't eat anything three hours before the meet. "I found out that I couldn't eat any apples before I race because they just come right back up."

The competition is tonight and finals, tomorrow in Indianapolis.



Top Right: Adam takes a break from his busy life to eat a banana during lunch. Potassium gives you lots of energy. Bottom Right: Adam practicing in the pool. Bottom Left: Adams streamlined body in the water.



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- Pep Rally.** There will be a pep session later today during 5th and 6th period.
- Jazz Bands Compete.** Last Saturday the three North Side Jazz Bands competed in the ISSMA Jazz Contest at Snider. All of the groups were awarded a first division rating. This is the first time in three years that this has happened. The Wildsiders also received a perfect score from one of the judges.
- North Receives Grant:** North Side received \$7000 dollars from the state superintendent because of improved ISTEP scores and attendance. It will be up to the North Side Restructuring Leadership 2000 Committee to decide what will be done with the money. At time of publication, no vote has been taken.

News Around Town

- Church Comes Down:** The St. Mary's Church is finally coming down after being struck by lightning last May. Bricks will be on sale tomorrow from noon to 2 p.m. for \$5. Proceeds will go to aid the soup kitchen and other charities.
- Book Sale:** Anyone interested in reading will be able to go to the Waynedale branch library on March 25. Adult fiction, non-fiction, romance, and juvenile paperbacks will be available for \$1 a pound when the Friends of the Allen County Public Library sponsor a used paperback sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Skating Contest:** Anyone who is interested in ice skating can go to McMillen Ice Rink on March 16 to perform a routine. WMEE is sponsoring a contest to win backstage tickets to "Stars on Ice." For more info, call 447-8633.

Practice makes perfect



SHANNON KLINKENBERG, SENIOR, practices her drama speech for the competition last Saturday. North Side placed 4th place at the meet. Laura Helmke, senior, was a double first place winner in drama and prose. Photo by Chrissy Francies.

Teens seek adventure found in Explorer Post

JAMIE FORD
News Reporter

The Explorer Post, which meets at North Side every week, is a career oriented organization that teaches high adventure.

The post, advised by Mrs. Sue Carboni, is open to any one between the ages of 14 and 20. The group was started to provide adventurous activities for young adults who don't normally have these kinds opportunities available to them.

Mrs. Carboni said, "The Explorer Post helps build leadership skills and might open possible career opportunities like forestry, sport instructing, and guides for hiking or skiing."

Because they work as a team, the Explorer Post members gain leadership skills, learn to work as a team, and experience new adventures. "The members do a lot of adventurous things-things they thought they would never do because they were too scared," Mrs. Carboni said. The group recently took a trip to Bittersweet Ski Resort. Other possibilities for this year in-

clude scuba diving, hiking, rock climbing, and cave exploring.

The organization is co-ed and is a branch of the Boy Scouts. It is co-sponsored by North Side and Earth Adventures, which is located on Main Street. "The good thing about having Earth Adventure as one of our sponsors is that we get to have experts teach our group how to perform the projects we do, safely," Mrs. Carboni said.

Later this year, the members of the group will join other posts and take part in a county-wide disaster drill. The posts will then get the chance to use the skills they learned throughout the year. Other posts include: the police post, fire post, law post, medical post, animal control post, FBI post, and veterinary post. The law post will also be presenting a mock trial.

Mrs. Carboni said, "The trial should be a lot of fun because of the O.J. Simpson trial going on." The Explorer Post meets in room 229 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of every month. If anyone has any questions concerning the Explorer Post, contact Mrs. Sue Carboni at 422-4554.

Actors put in many long hours to pull off musical

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Every spring, students with musical and drama talents spend countless hours in the auditorium preparing for the spring performance. This year's musical will be *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Deciding which piece will be performed rests with Mrs. Claryn Myers, drama teacher, and Miss Margaret Buttermore, vocal teacher, who sit down each year and make the decision.

Several considerations go into the decision-making process. Miss Buttermore said they look at the strengths of the students as well as past performances.

"We sit down together and determine the strengths of the students and also look at past shows. We try to vary musical styles over a four-year span," Miss Buttermore said. "We try to give them [the performers] a varied learning experience by offering different musical styles."

For the past six weeks students have met after school to get their roles down. Mrs. Myers said that during the average week anywhere from 10 to 14 hours are spent in rehearsals and preparations. "We usually are here until 5 or 5:30, five days a week. It will be much longer next week [the final week of practices]," said Mrs. Myers.

Many students are involved in the production of the musical. Miss Buttermore said that it takes approximately 55 people to pull the whole production off. These people include cast, choir, and orchestra members as well as stage crews.

With a story line which can be adapted to today's situations, Miss

Buttermore said that this musical should appeal to a wide variety of people. The basic premise of the story is set in Russia. The people are faced with changing times because of political unrest. The people of the town are forced to leave their homes and start over.

At the same time, Miss Buttermore said the story challenges the audience to look at traditions and the need to change. The people at the time are very rooted in their traditions but they are faced with the need to change. This struggle between tradition and change is a central theme in the story line.

Lorie Seibt, sophomore, said the content of the production forces people to think. "I think this musical is really serious. It's deep," she said.

Lorie plays one of the daughters in the story. "My character is Jewish and she wants to marry outside of her religion so her father disowns her," she said. "[The musical] is basically about tradition and makes you think about what your mores are."

Not only does Miss Buttermore believe the story line is appealing, she also feels the music is very well done. "Almost all of the songs are very good. There is a comedic element but the story also has serious emotional tones," Miss Buttermore said.

"A lot of the story is very serious, but there are also enough comedic elements which keep it [the musical] from getting too heavy," Miss Buttermore said.

Show dates are Thursday, March 16, and Friday, March 17. The show starts at 7 p.m. and the cost is \$4 for students and \$5 for adults.

Fiddler on the Roof

Cast List

Father Tevye.....	Marcus Weems	Inn Keeper	Chris Rowan
Golde	Laura Helmke	Rabbi	Jeremiah Jeffrey
Daughters	Bree Bristow,	Rabbi's Son	Josh Wood
.....	Lorie Seibt,	Bookseller	Max Sheppard
.....	Stephanie Gross,	Grandmother	Suzan Inninger
.....	Kristin Morris,	Ghost	Rachel Heaton
.....	Hilliary Schwartz	Constanible	James Harwell
Matchmaker	Shannon Klinkenberg	Mother	Darnisha Ayres
Tailor	Jeremy Cox	Fiddler	Eric Stalter
Young Student	Jason Ehlerding	Fyedka	Jim Cashdollar
Butcher	Nick Hartman		

Louganis admits to having AIDS, in battle for his life

We all have to make decisions.

When Greg Louganis hit his head on the diving board and bled into the chlorinated pool at the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul, he knew he was HIV-positive. He informed no one at that time; not even the physician who attended him. He later told the doctor of his condition and the doctor was tested. He was negative. No one was hurt.

In a moment of indecision, Louganis made the only decision he could, but maybe not the best one. He had two options—admit his HIV status and create hysteria within the public and among the media or remain silent. He chose to remain silent. He made a decision most of

us would have made were we put in that particular situation. Yes, Louganis could have inadvertently passed the virus on, but chances were very slim. Louganis was on the *Oprah Winfrey Show* Monday. He said he was terrified when he discovered he had bled into the pool and regretted not telling the doctor immediately about his condition.

But all this is beside the point. Louganis is now involved in the toughest fight of his life—the fight for his life. He, and other AIDS victims, deserves our compassion and our sympathy, not our anger or our contempt.

The backlash following Louganis' announcement has been astronomical. The public's fear and prejudice against the AIDS virus and its victims has been reawakened, especially against gay men like Louganis. People tend to be more harsh with gay people who contract the disease than with any other group.

Although people intellectually know that AIDS has shown to be only transferable through direct contact with infected blood, through sexual contact, and sharing contaminated needles, the fear of transfusion through casual contact persists. Some people even insist that AIDS is God's punishment for sinners.

A 27-year-old gold medal winner, has just been added to the long list of victims of this horrible disease. I was filled with an overwhelming sense of sadness as I listened to Louganis on *Oprah*. I can hardly conceive what it's like to know that you're going to die an early death. Louganis did not deserve to get this disease. No one does.

"WHAT DO YOU
MEAN I'M POSITIVE?
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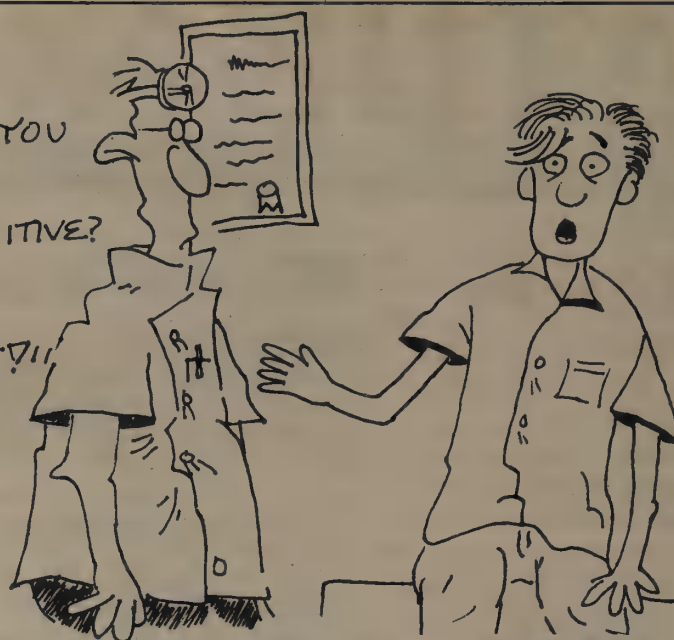


Illustration By Tyrone Woods

Louganis admired by writer for overcoming hardships

ERIN MCATEE
News Editor

As I sat downstairs and watched TV on our day off a few weeks ago, I saw a commercial for *Oprah*. She had Greg Louganis on that day so I decided to watch to get the story first hand.

As Oprah introduced this four-time gold medalist, he received about a minute and a half standing ovation. Not bad for a homosexual who had just admitted in his autobiography that he has AIDS.

I expected a quivering mass that would fall apart before Oprah could even open her mouth, but instead a strong-looking, smiling man came out and waved to his adoring, and apparently supportive, audience.

As Oprah and Louganis discussed his new book, *Breaking the Surface*, I began to admire this man too. This guy has been through everything: depression, suicide attempts, abusive relationships, dyslexia, AIDS, and even rape. Yes, I guess you could say this guy's been through a lot.

Louganis talked about his

infamous diving accident in Seoul at the '88 Olympics. Now there's a rough day.

As he described the events and I saw the footage, I felt moved. "As I left the board, I knew that I was close so I tried to keep my hands in. I never dreamed that I would hit my head," he said on *Oprah*.

You can imagine the shock when this Olympic diver just fell into the water, not only by him but also by the world as they watched.

"I didn't even know I hit my head until my coach saw the blood trickling down my neck around my hairline," he said.

I can't imagine how he felt. Not just because he hit his head, although I'm sure he had a terrific headache, but because at that time, he knew he was HIV positive.

He said that some of his main concerns were "did I get blood in the pool, did they leave enough time between me and the next diver, is the filtration system working well enough, and should I tell the doctor."

With that kind of stress, who can blame him for doing what he did.

He made the decision not to tell anyone because that's what he felt was right at the time.

Louganis also told the audience about his friendship with Ryan White and his family. Although the Whites were not aware that he was infected with HIV, Louganis said that he felt like Ryan was his strength. Ryan kept him going from day to day so much so that Louganis gave his gold medals to Ryan.

One member of the audience was so naive and obviously not living in the 90's with the rest of us. He asked Louganis how he could compare himself to Ryan and tennis great Arthur Ashe when Ryan and Ashe both got AIDS through transfusions, and Louganis got it because of his sexual behaviors.

I can't believe that this is still the mentality we're dealing with in the 90's. Even after all the research, people still don't realize that this disease is not one that only "bad" people get. It's one that anyone can get. I hope doesn't take someone these people love to get AIDS before they wake up and face the facts.

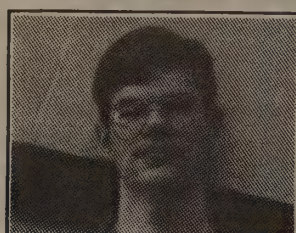
Off the Record...

"How do you
feel about
Louganis hav-
ing AIDS?"



Bethany Ashley, junior

"I feel sad because this is what the world is coming to."



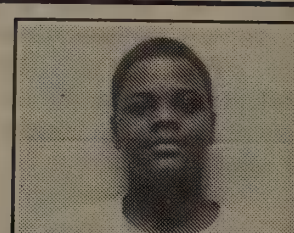
Mark Shepler, senior

"It don't bother me."



Jamie Didlon, senior

"I have no opinion so long as nobody got hurt. A lot of people have aids. Why should he be the only outcast?"



Jerry Miles, freshman

"I don't have nothing to say about it."



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Paintball activity leaves 'Skins covered in neon green goo

LUCAS PERKINS
Features Reporter

Blue. Yellow. Orange. Florescent green or yellow. Hot pink. Blood red. These are the colors of the large blotches of paint on your clothing after a game of Paintball.

Paintball has quickly become a popular pastime in the United States, with a variety of people playing it including old war veterans, thrill seekers, tension experts, and those who are just curious.

Every paintball establishment has their own rules as far as how old you must be in order to play, so it is wise to contact the particular arena you wish to play in before you go.

Usually though, you must be at least twelve to play, and at least sixteen to do so without parental consent.

The basic rules of the game are akin to those of "Capture the Flag." Played outside in open or wooded areas as well as inside in "urban destruction" type atmospheres, the game is centered around a field of play of variable size with opposite ends given to two opposing teams.

Each team occupies one end of the field, and they are given a flag to protect. The flag is usually in or surrounded by a fortress or citadel type structure.

The object is to make it to the opposing teams flag, grab it, and return to your flag without being shot in the process. This is not always easy.

A kill is just being shot by any other player, regardless of the team they are on.

The shot can be anywhere on the body to be considered a kill, but the paintball must explode to count.

If you feel yourself get shot, but the ball just bounces off and rolls away, you may stay in the game.

"I got all the way up there once, almost to the flag, and then I got killed," said Richard Ning, senior.

The rounds of paint are about the size of marbles (or Whoppers candy), and are fired at about 250 feet per second (approx. 170 mph). It can hurt.

In fact, it is possible to cause serious injury if you are not wearing the proper attire such as the mandatory face mask or helmet and the suggested long sleeved clothing and gloves.

"The only time it doesn't hurt is when you get shot in the face. That sounds weird, but it's true,"

said Aaron Martz, junior.

Although no laws exist concerning personal protection from paintballs, Jay Wonderly, manager of local indoor paintball arena Paintball Park, says that he doesn't allow anyone on the floor without a mask, and if you take it off while playing, you will be asked to leave. "A paintball can take your eye out, and it's just not worth it," he said.

Matt Jones, sophomore, sited "right about on the collar bone" as the most painful shot he has ever taken.

"I got shot in the throat once," said Richard.

"You know where it hurts the most though-it hurts deep down inside. It hurts my soul," said Morgan Godat, senior, of being killed during a game.

Many obstacles and barricades are in the field of play to hide behind and use as shielding, whether they be trees, large barrels or oil drums, pieces of ply board, scrap or junk, or just walls.

There are two different kinds of paintball gun- pump action and semi-automatic. Both can "kill", it just depends on how much effort a

player wants to have to exert, as well as how much money a player has. Guns can cost anywhere between \$100 and \$1500 each because the price rises as the quality and speed of the gun increases.

Most paintball establishments have reserved games of at least 15 people as the mainstay of their income, but they also offer open shoots for anybody who wants to play on some day of the week, usually Saturday or Sunday.

The most common rate found at local establishments is \$20 per person which includes gun and mask rental as well as 100 rounds of ammunition for a period of about three hours.

Extra paintballs are available for generally \$4-\$5 per 100 rounds.

The establishments in the Fort Wayne area are Paintball Park, Paintball U.S.A., and Paint Balls O'Fire.

Paintball Park can be reached at 749-1022, Paintball U.S.A. at 422-8801, and Paint Balls O'Fire at 420-7202.

(Special thanks to Paintball Park and Paintball U.S.A. for their assistance in the completion of this article.)



'GOTCHA!' THINKS ONE player as he emerges from his hiding place to draw a bead on his enemy. Photo by Jason Tearman



A PLAYER VALIANTLY scurries towards the flag, which he must capture in order to win this game at Paintball USA. Photo by Jason Tearman.

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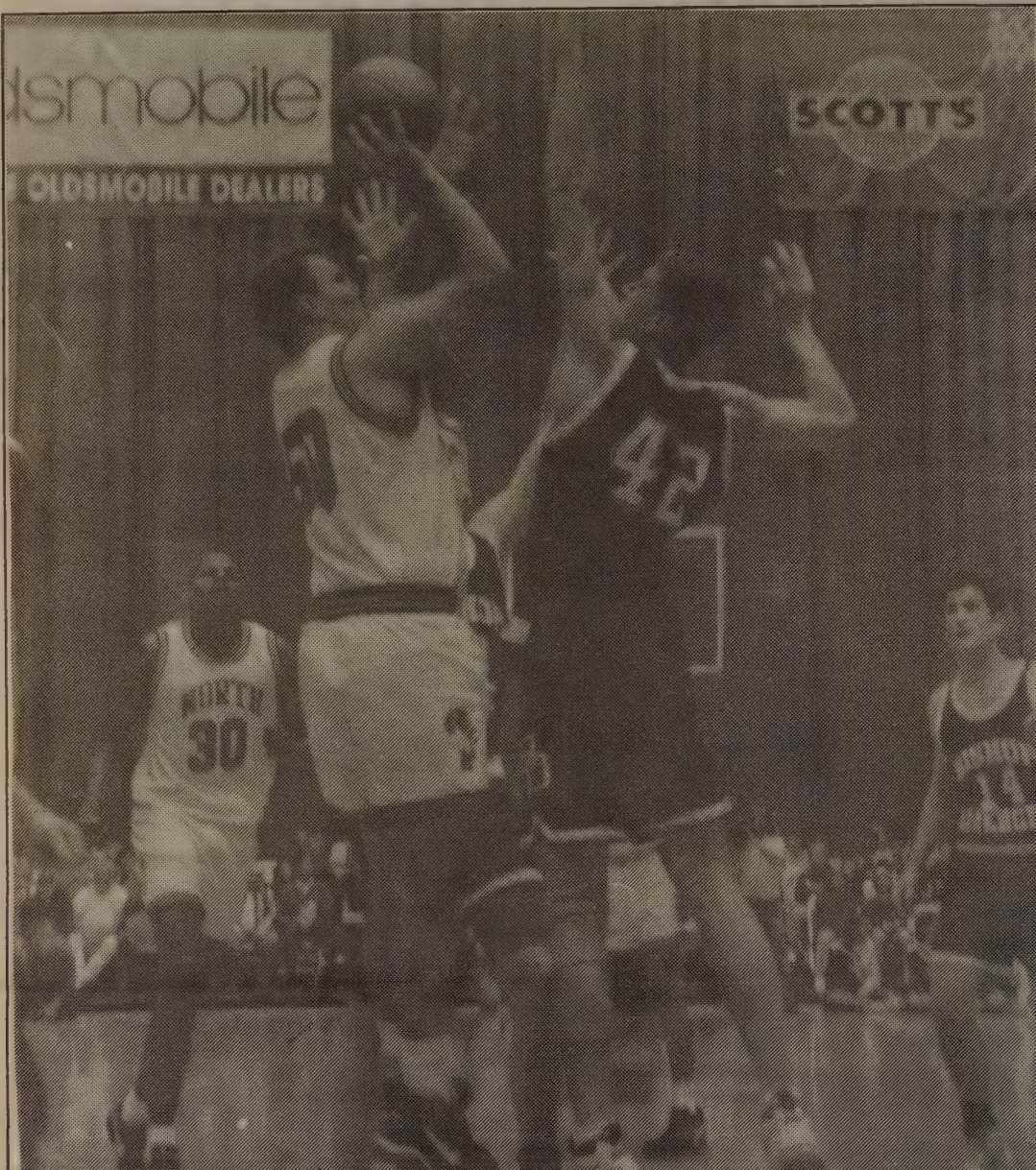
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SENIOR JOSH RICHARDSON goes for a shot at last Saturday's game. North defeated Bishop Dwenger 76-71. The team plays Dekalb tomorrow morning at 11 at the Coliseum. Photo by Richard Ning.

Sectional Champs to fight Barons tomorrow

DEREK RITTENHOUSE
Sports Reporter

Dwenger," said senior Cory Roberts.

The boys' basketball team successfully defeated the Snider Panthers last Friday night by the score of 70-48 which advanced them to one of the four Fort Wayne basketball sectional finals.

The Redskins couldn't pry themselves away from the Panthers until the second half. In the second half the North Side defense kicked in and overwhelmed Snider.

The Redskins were taunted by the ghost of Sectionals past as they played the Bishop Dwenger Saints last Saturday. Last year in the sectional championships North was defeated by the Saints. This year they were determined not to let history repeat itself. In the final minutes North pulled out the 76-71 victory with great free-throw shooting by seniors Cory Roberts, Clifton Dickerson, and Ty Winn.

"They wanted to win it very badly, and they felt as though they had a chance to win it last year and it slipped away from them. This year they were determined not to let that happen again. You could see the determination as they went up to the free-throw line," said Coach Glen Heaton.

"I just concentrated on making the shots. I've worked on free-throws ever since I started playing basketball, and it payed off against

Tomorrow morning the Redskins will play the Dekalb Barons at 11 a.m. at the Coliseum. Earlier this year the Barons defeated North, but the Redskins are out for revenge.

"Dekalb is going to pressure us full court, and then try to get as many transition baskets as possible. I think our big goal this weekend is to handle their pressure defense. They have two outstanding players that are scoring over 19 points per game. I think obviously some of our attention has to be toward them," said Heaton.

"We have to play the game that we have all year and just concentrate on everything we do. Dekalb is going to use the full court pressure against us, and if we get through that, then we can get some good shots," said senior Keion Brooks.

Although Dekalb has two big scorers, Coach Heaton is stressing that North must make them and the rest of the team work for every shot that they take.

"We can't let them take any easy shots, but instead make them shoot the low percentage shots. We have to make them work for every shot that they take. If we do that then we have a good chance of keeping their score down and are score up," added Heaton.

If North defeats Dekalb, then they will play the winner of the South Side/New Haven game. The championship game will start at 8:15.

Track teams off to successful starts

CHRISTY MILLS
Sports Reporter

The men's and women's track and field teams began their season as they participated in their first meet last Thursday at the Huntington College Invitational.

Mr. Keith Scott, head coach for the men, said the guys showed an outstanding performance, but the ones who really stood out were junior, Javon Martin and Brandon Stevens, sophomore, in the 55 meter dash and seniors Andre Oats and Eric Durrow, in shot put.

The two first place finishers were Andre in shot put and Javon in the 55 meter dash.

Coach Scott said they stood out because their performance has improved immensely this year compared to last year.

To prepare them for the season, Coach Scott said they have been weight training, running over distance,

using plyometrics, and trying out a different training philosophy to "hopefully improve the members."

"It seems to be working already," said Coach Scott. "I was impressed especially with the limited availability and conditioning time we had," said Coach Scott. "We did just as good and even better than we did one year ago."

His expectations for the team is to have some guys to qualify for regionals and then on to state.

"This is the best start we have had for five years," said Coach Scott. "They are fun to work with and their attitudes are great."

The women also participated in the Invitational.

Leading the team were Takiyah Franklin, Andrea Walls, Dena Schnelker, Twanda and Cassandra Hill, Nikitah Mitchell, Jenell Walls and Allison Dunno.

Mr. Bill Blosser, women's head coach, said he thought the team

did very well.

Both teams went down to Purdue and competed in the Boiler Bomber Relays last Saturday.

Takiyah Franklin, senior, qualified to go to the finals in the 55 hurdles. The 400 by 400 relay team also qualified for the finals. The relay team consisted of Jenell, Shantill Walls, Takiyah and Andrea.

"The members who did not qualify ran personal best times which is great because it shows how much they have improved since last season," said Coach Blosser. He also said that the team is fairly competitive and will be challenging.

"They are encouraged by running. They all have a lot of talent and all are working hard so they will look good for our next meet," said Coach Blosser.

The men's next track and field meet is March 28 at Snider. The women will be hosting Northrop and Luers on April 12.

Congratulations Gymnastics team!

North Placed 8 out of 12
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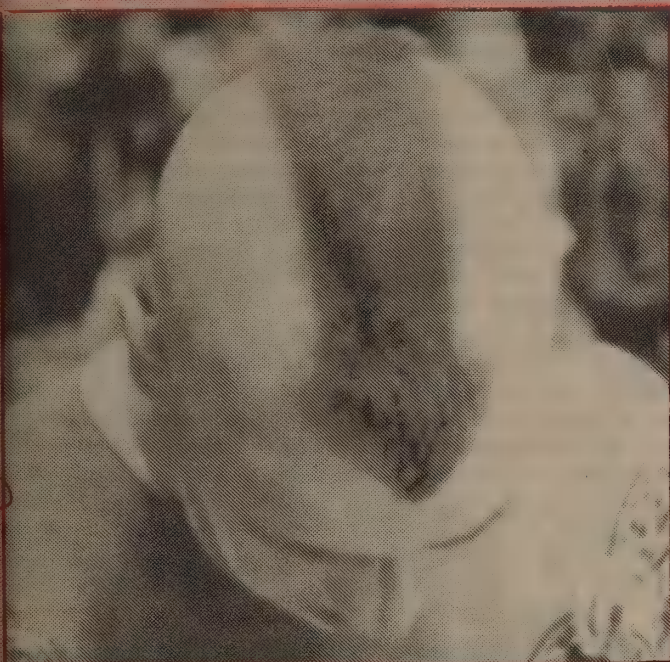
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Show A Little Spirit



CHIEF MAC, TRAVIS Weaver, show his school spirit by shaving an arrow in his head. Photo by Alyssa Schroeder.

Prom Fair Brings Retailers, Students Together For Info

JAMIE FORD
News Reporter

The Northrop High School PTSA will sponsor a Prom Fair tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the commons at Northrop.

The intent of this affair is to bring prom retailers together with the students to create an awareness of products available to them as they plan for Prom '95.

Mrs. Carolyn Craig, Northrop PTSA member, said, "We (Northrop's PTSA) came up with the idea of the prom fair because we had heard of another city doing a consignment dress sale. We added on the fashion show and bringing in the exhibitors."

The Prom Fair will feature fashion shows at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Area merchants will display their prom-related merchandise and services. Discounts for services and merchandise will be given to students who attend.

Businesses included in the fair will be tuxedo rentals, florists, restaurants, limo rentals, tanning beds, nail care and beauty salons, prom decoration rentals, shoe dying, and more. Some of these merchants include the following: Russel's Tuxedos, Flowers of Canterbury, Don Hall's Restaurants, A Touch of Class

Limosine Rental, Tangles Hair design, Taylor Rental, Balloon Works, and A Shoe of a Different Color.

North Side has six students entered in the fashion show. These students are seniors, Sara Schreifer and Genell Walls and juniors Jason Martinez, Misty Siefer, Don'te Dixon, and Javon Martin.

At the end of each fashion show, the audience will vote by clapping on who was the best male and female model. Chris Cage of B-106 will be the announcer of the fashion show.

A consignment dress sale will also be offered for the Prom Fair. Today, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., the PTSA will be accepting prom dresses at Northrop for the consignment dress sale. The dress must be in excellent condition and no older than three years old.

A five dollar handling fee will be charged on all dresses donated. The owner, however, will receive 90 percent of the money from the sale of the dress. The other 10 percent will be given to the PTSA. They will be accepting cash only for the dress purchases and all sales are final.

All unsold dresses should be picked up between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. following the Prom Fair on Saturday.

State test brings change, questions

ERIN MCATEE
News Editor

Indiana legislators and the Department of Education may be doing away with the ISTEP test and replacing it with the IPASS test.

IPASS, Indiana Performance Assessment for Student Success, was designed to ensure that students have the necessary tools needed to be successful after high school. It also reflects that a diploma should really mean a student is prepared for adult life.

This test will ask students to solve problems and explain their understanding of the material. The test will mainly consist of essay questions.

Many educators believe the theory behind IPASS is good. Mrs. Helen Solero, English teacher and department head, said, "The test is good. It test thinking and writing skills as opposed to multiple choice tests."

Multiple-choice questions will be a smaller part of the test because researchers agree these questions are not accurate ways to measure a student's knowledge.

Assistant Principal Larry Gerardot believes by lessening multiple choice questions, teaching styles will have to change.

"We will have to do more problem solving and application-type teaching if we want students to be successful," Mr. Gerardot said.

One part of the IPASS test is the Gateway test for sophomores.

Sophomores will have to pass the test in order to graduate from high school. Students will get many chances to pass it before the end of their senior year.

The state will also start requiring teachers to use portfolios to evaluate student performance. A portfolio is a collection of papers, projects, tests, videotapes of student perfor-

of state funding.

"I believe this test is a better indicator of student achievement. It's more valid than ISTEP. However there needs to be more funds for educating teachers and for remediation," Mr. Gerardot said.

According to a study done by Indiana University in Bloomington, the new program is estimated to cost around \$9.5 million annually to administer and score. The ISTEP test only cost about \$2 million.

The student remediation and programs to train teachers in implementing the new test may cost \$30-\$40 million or more per year.

With an estimated 40 percent failing the test, remediation will be key. Without state funding, Mrs. Solero said this will be very difficult.

A positive involving the remediation with IPASS is it will begin immediately, instead of the summer as is the case with ISTEP.

Another concern as seen by Mrs. Solero is that the evaluation of the tests will be made in California. She said this concerns her because she thought their grading was more lenient than what it should have been.

While some favor the test because it should give accurate indications as to preparedness, one student feels it will have adverse affects.

Melissa Young, freshman, said "I think it's [IPASS] dumb because more people will drop out of school if they don't pass the test, so I think they should just let it go."

For More Information
Attend the informational meeting
with State Superintendent of
Public Instruction
Dr. Suellen Reed
7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12 in
the South Side High School
Auditorium.

mance, teacher's remarks, and other pertinent information, collected over time.

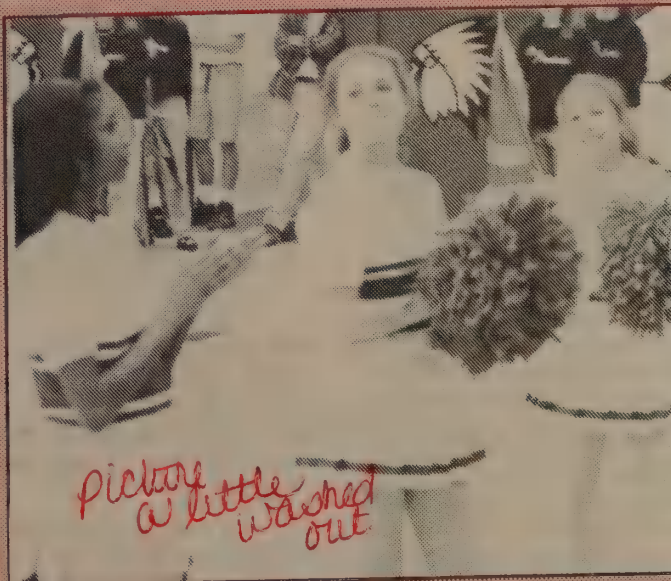
The portfolios will travel with the students from year to year, to provide a record of the students' achievements.

This will be phased in over a five-year time span and in full use by schools for the 1998-99 school year.

While IPASS seems to be a good plan on the surface, there are some questions that are lurking in the background of people's minds. One of the main questions is cost.

Both Mr. Gerardot and Mrs. Solero expressed concern over the lack

Everybody Get Up



STUDENTS TRY TO get the crowd excited at a pep session for basketball. Photo by Alyssa Schroeder.

name them!

Spaste-up

Newsline

•ON TO STATE:

North Side has two speech students who will compete in the State finals in Indianapolis on April 1-Laura Helmke in prose and Bree Bristow in drama.

•OUTSTANDING SOLOIST: Stephany Gross was named as an outstanding soloist at the Western Michigan University Vocal Jazz Festival.

•RVS RECOGNITION:

The following five North Side students were honored at an appreciation luncheon and presented with a certificate for their outstanding work: Ally Dunno, Health Careers; Alex Babich, Hospitality Careers Co-op; Shannon Richmond, Cosmetology; Jennifer Yerkes, General ICT; and Jason Richard, Sciece.



Humor is vital to survival Writer questions distribution of athletic funds

It's that time of year again. I'm sure you all know what I mean.

We, students and teachers, have reached that dreaded pocket that seems to form every year between Christmas and Spring Break where everyone is on edge.

Tensions will run high for the next week, until the pressure is released with our seven days of freedom.

You see, we are entering the last lap of the longest stretch of uninterrupted school time. True, from September to Christmas is four whole months, but it is broken up by a flurry of four day weeks and a much needed Thanksgiving break.

After Spring Break, we have only two months, and there is at least a recognizable goal that we are all working for—the summer!

What does that leave us with? The months of January, February, and March. In other words, "hell." There are no breaks. The weather is horrid. Unlike the spring, summer, and fall months, we can't just run about and frolic at will.

So, anticipation building, we all step carefully up to this last week. During this period, the students, energized and ready for a break, tend to be a little more rowdy, loud, and generally uncouth. The teachers, also ready to relax, tend to be bitter, unforgiving, and maybe not as accepting as they might normally be. These do not mix well.

We've got students doing *more* of the things that teachers don't like, and teachers in the frame of mind to like those things even less.

Here's an example:

The only detention I have ever gotten during my high school career occurred at this time of the year (I was also a freshman, which may have had something to do with it). I was in a class, which I won't identify, with a teacher, whom I won't name, and I said something that apparently he didn't like. Really it wasn't that bad of a thing. I had made the same kind of comments all year long, and they were just in fun. Any other time it would have been no big deal, but now it was.

The thing is, I might not have been *quite* so vocal under normal circumstances. Were it not the period of time that it was, I probably would have thought more to hold my tongue. And maybe I should have.

What is of interest though, is that if I had said this during a period of time wherein he was not stressed, there would have been no problem. Also, if he had been stressed, and I had not been so boisterous, there would have been no problem. It was the combination that created the problem.

So, teachers—chill out! Count to ten, and let it go. And students—chill out! You know what's cool and what's not. Don't be an idiot. Teachers, when you see students acting like apes on amphetamines, keep your head level and politely stop it. Students, when you see your teachers foaming at the mouth and flames jumping from their ears, keep your head *attached* and *quickly* stop it.

And everybody, keep your humor. It's vital.

Guest Column



Lucas Perkins

Features Reporter

Dear Editor:

I'm in a varsity sport at North Side. I was just wondering why most athletic teams don't get money they need to improve fields, to get new uniforms, to get improvements on what they already have. Some athletic teams need new equipment. Some athletic teams at North Side do get the money they need from the athletic office. But then some have to pay it back to the office. Why? Isn't that what the money is there for? So why do teams have to pay it back?

Last year the baseball team needed a scoreboard to keep score for the fans. The fans would pay money to attend and watch the team play. The team did get the money they needed. But the team still had to throw a fundraiser to pay that money back. That money was used for the scoreboard itself, the installation, the electricity to run the scoreboard, the man power to get the scoreboard up and running for this season.

The girls' softball field isn't even in playable condition, in my opinion and in the opinion of others. They don't have dugouts, an outfield fence, and first base is on a hill. Girls that I have talked to this year say that they are selling pizzas for a fund-raiser. Now, why doesn't the athletic office give them some money to make improvements on their field?

One thing that some or most

of the teams do get money for is when they (the teams) travel they got money for food. The track team had an indoor meet on Wednesday March 1, 1995. On the way home the team did stop and eat, with the money given to them from the athletic office. The baseball team has many long road trips, one of the longest is to Concord. I'm not sure if they get money to eat or if they get packed lunches, packed by the cafeteria ladies. The gymnastics team traveled to Marion for the Marion Invitational. I'm not sure if they got money or packed lunches either.

The athletic office can always use the excuse that the football and basketball teams bring in more money than the other athletic teams. That is true. But, the reason is rather simple. The football and basketball teams have their own playing surfaces and can charge people money to attend. The girls' softball, baseball and tennis teams can't charge people to come. One resolution may be to move these teams playing surfaces so those teams can charge people to come and watch.

One example is Snider's baseball team. They used to play their baseball games at the old Carrington Field before it was torn down to build Memorial Stadium. The Snider athletic office went and rented the land across the street and built a baseball diamond for their team. Now they can charge people to attend, where as be-

fore they couldn't because the old Carrington Field was in a public park.

At most of the other SAC schools, the money generated by the major sports is distributed rather evenly throughout the other athletic teams. This may be one reason why some of the other SAC schools are always at the top of their game. They get money needed for new equipment, field renovations, etc. Some examples of those schools are Bishop Dwenger, Snider and Northrop. I wish North Side would do the same things those other schools do. Maybe then North Side's other athletic teams, besides football and basketball teams, would get a better reputation in the area. Most of the money generated by athletics at North Side come from basketball and football, then goes right back to those teams. For example, when was the last time you saw a football player carrying around a pledge sheet trying to get money for a fund-raiser? NEVER!!!

I just wish the North Side Athletic Office would distribute the money generated by the major athletic teams evenly throughout the other athletic teams. We are supposed to be North Side family, aren't we? Families share things. At the collegiate level the money generated by the major athletic teams support the smaller athletic teams. After all, it is an athletic office not a football and basketball office.

Shad Turner, junior

Faith restored with returned computer

To the students and faculty of North Side:

On Tuesday, March 7, I reached one of my all-time lows as a teacher. During the time between second and third period, I had a laptop computer stolen from the drafting room. My emotions ranged from disbelief to anger. I really didn't want to believe that one of my students would steal from me. I try to have faith in today's youth.

I went to Officer Hosford and Mrs. Larsen for help and the investigation started. During fifth period, an announcement was made to help retrieve my computer. During this time, administrators and students were already in the process of helping locate the computer. I wanted to believe we would find the computer, but I really doubted if I would ever see it again.

At about 2:20 on the same day, Mr. Scott brought my computer

back to me. I didn't ask who had it, or where he got it. I was just glad to have it back!

I want to thank the student who came forward with information. Mrs. Lovett, Mr. Armstead, Mr. Scott, Mrs. Larsen, Officer Hosford, and anyone else who helped in this situation. It has helped restore my faith in human beings. Thank you all.

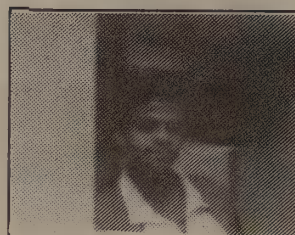
Mr. Scott Brown, teacher

Off the Record...

"How do you feel about the distribution of the athletic funds?"



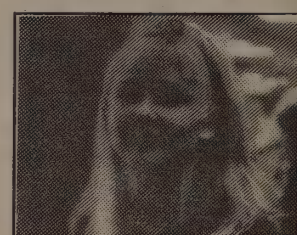
Mr. Brown, Athletic Director
"Money's distributed based upon the needs of a certain sport, not on the revenue brought in with that sport."



Ty Winn, senior
"Basketball and football have more fans and they bring in all the money so we should get more."



Raven Smiley, junior
"I think that all funds should be distributed equally."



Nicky Taylor, freshman
"Girls don't get as much as guys. It's unfair."



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Students, staff define sexual harassment

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Features co-editor

Sexual harassment is unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other inappropriate verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature (as defined by the FWCS Student-Parent Guide).

Sexual harassment is a problem that did not get much public recognition until recent years with the highly publicized Anita Hill—Clarence Thomas hearings.

Regardless of personal opinion regarding Thomas' guilt or innocence, sexual harassment is being dealt with in workplaces and in schools by both men and women.

April Davis, senior, said, "I've been harassed numerous times.

A couple of times when I was walking from the dance locker room (in costume) to the dance studio, guys would yell out 'Ooh, baby. What's your name?' I just blew it off. I didn't care."

She added, "I think a lot of people do it and get harassed themselves, but nobody does anything about it. They just blow it off."

Alex Raftree, senior, said that he has been harassed by definition.

"A female would call it harassment, but I don't. I didn't feel threatened by it."

He said girls have grabbed him in places they probably shouldn't have.

He added, "A lot of it (sexual harassment) goes on, but some people make it up. People are just out to

make money."

Brendan Thomason, senior, agreed with Alex.

He said, "It's the context you take it in. It can become a problem if it's like 'You'll lose your job if you don't wear a skirt.' Sometimes it's an alibi or excuse for not performing well (in a job)."

One student said that some teachers do things that could be considered sexual harassment.

The student said, "They look some girls and boys down in a sexual way."

Another student said, "A lot of it occurs at work. When I worked at this certain store, I would get comments from both customers and employees. Once a guy at work grabbed my private parts."

She continued, "At first, I

couldn't believe it. I just tried to stay away from him after that. I didn't want to get him in trouble and I knew as long as I wasn't alone with him nothing like that would happen again."

North Side administrators investigate any and all sexual harassment complaints filed by one student against another.

"We don't want it going on," said Dr. Richard Gardner, principal, "It will be dealt with in a harsh way." Punishments can include anything up to expulsion.

He said that after an initial complaint is filed, Mrs. Larsen investigates the matter to make sure the complaint is valid.

The FWCS policy states that: if any student knowingly files false charges against an employee or student in an attempt to demean, harass,

abuse or embarrass, that individual is subject to disciplinary action.

If the complaint is valid, a report is sent to the personnel department of FWCS and the parents of the accused is contacted, said Dr. Gardner.

"There have been no more than half-dozen to eight reports filed this year; just about the same as last year," said Mrs. Mary Larsen, assistant principal.

"I have the student first go through the student handbook to see if what they experienced fits the definition (of sexual harassment). I then talk to them and they decide if they want to file a complaint."

She added, "A mixture of students file complaints, but it's primarily girls. Most of the complaints involve unwanted sexual innuendo comments, rarely anything physical."

Candyman sequel not as good as original

AARON MARTZ
Features Reporter

The hook-handed urban legend from Clive Barker's mind returns to life in a less scary, less bloody sequel.

Candyman: Farewell to the Flesh is more of a prequel than a next chapter to the 1993 movie *Candyman* which was based on Clive Barker's story "The Forbidden".

Tony Todd is the only returning character in a movie otherwise unrelated to the first. As the *Candyman*, Todd is less overwhelming, less convincing this time around whereas his presence in the first movie along with the art direction presented such a claustrophobic atmosphere that the movie became an instant classic among the horror crowd.

his web.

The plot of *Flesh* is supposed to make us feel sorry for the *Candyman* who is revealed to have come from New Orleans, where the movie is set. How and why he is in Chicago in the original is never explained.

The *Candyman* was a slave who fell in love with a white woman and had a child with her. When the woman's relatives found out, they cut the *Candyman*'s hand off and spread

honey all over him, so an enormous swarm of bees could sting him to death.

This flashback which is supposed to sympathize with the *Candyman* and his "reason" for killing doesn't happen, however, until well over halfway through the movie. By then plenty of people have been ripped to pieces, and the rest of the plot is predictable, with Rowan, of course, being a distant relative of the *Candyman*'s child.

As horror sequels go, *Flesh* is a pretty good one as compared to, say, *Friday the 13th Part 2*. It does at least try to maintain a suspense level, and sometimes it succeeds. The direction, by Bill Condon, and the stylistic atmosphere of the first movie are lacking here, and the script sinks to low levels to even produce a jump, and the jumps are there, just not enough to make the movie worthwhile.

movie won't be that scary, the usual solution would be to instill more gore, more bloodshed. *Flesh* doesn't even do that.

There are plenty of scenes of hooks popping through chests, people getting lifted into the air and thrown into walls, but it doesn't work out in the end.

Playing at Holiday Theaters, *Candyman: Farewell to the Flesh* is an excellent example of a sequel that never should have been made.

Flesh tries hard to equal the thrills that seemed to come naturally to the first movie, but it tries too hard, often resorting to the "hand on the shoulder" scenes wherein the heroine walks backward into a standing figure in the background and jumps around to discover it is her husband while the eerie music suggests it is the *Candyman*.

Kelly Rowan stars as the woman who is essentially Virginia Madsen's character from the first movie, and she is even suspected of murder at one point in the movie like Madsen's character was. The movie follows her around New Orleans during the Mardi Gras season as she seeks to uncover the mystery surrounding the *Candyman*, while, of course, she is being sucked down into

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Science in Electronic Residence: The Changing Nature of Trees, grades 3-5, Tuesdays, April 27, through May 30, at 9 a.m. and 12 p.m.

PALMS Electronic Institute: Thinking Beyond Tomorrow, staff development, Mondays, April 3, May 2, and June 6, at 2 p.m.

North Side Calendar

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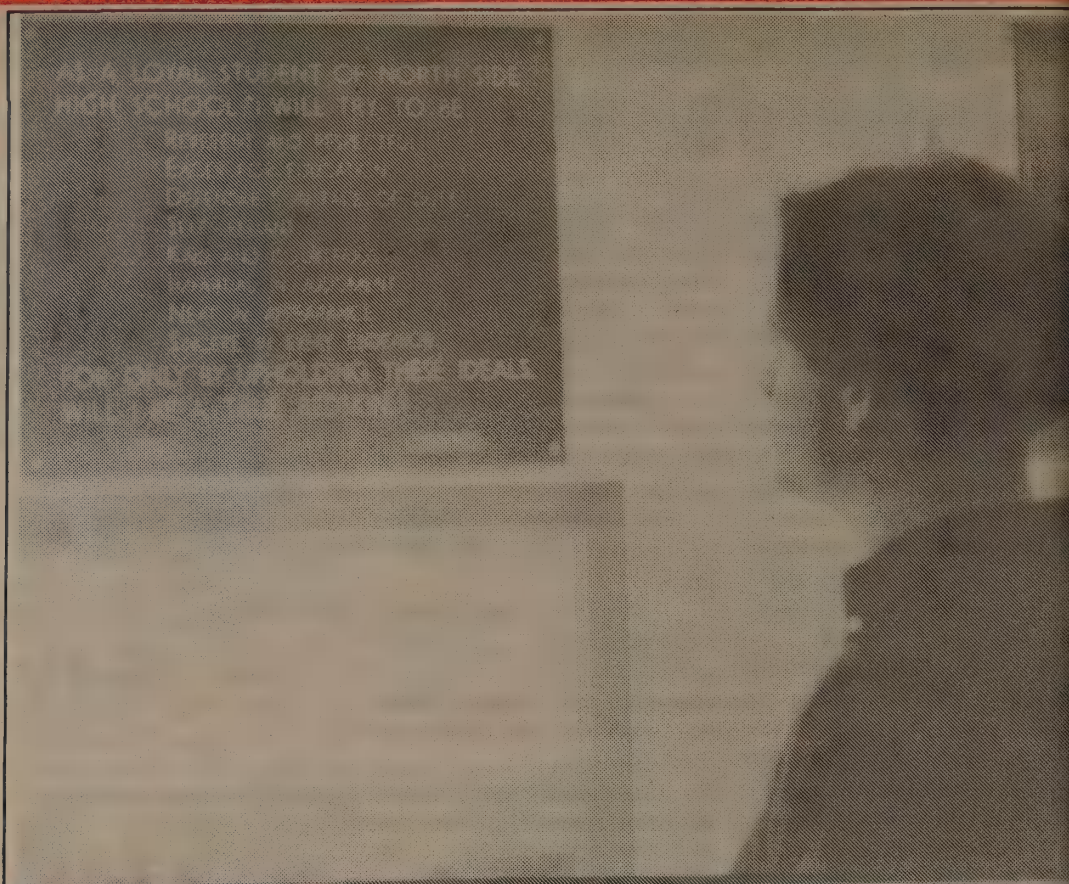
- 29 Market Day Delivery Cafeteria 4-6 p.m.
- 31 End of Third Quarter

April

- 1 SAT Test 9away) 8-12 p.m.
- 3-7 Spring Break
- 8 ACT Test North Side 8-12 p.m.
- 11 PTSA meeting Room 244 7p.m.
- 12 Concert Band Concert Auditorium 7 p.m.
- 13 Senior Cup Exam Media Center 8-11a.m.
- 14 Good Friday No School
- 18 Academic Superbowl Main Gym 3:30 p.m.
- 19 ASVAB Test cafeteria 8-11 a.m.
- 20 National Honors Society Program Auditorium 7p.m.
- 26 Honor Roll Breakfast Cafeteria 6:30-7:30 a.m.
- 26 Market Day Delivery Cafeteria 4:15 p.m.

May

- 5 Dance Show Auditorium 7:30-10:30 p.m.
- 6 SAT Test North Side 8-12 a.m.
- 9 Northwood Concert Auditorium 8-10 p.m.
- 10 African American Club Dinner Halls Gashouse 6 p.m.
- 13 Prom/After Prom Coliseum Expo I



SENIOR JASON KONOPINSKI takes a moment out of the school day to read the old Mission Statement that is displayed at the front steps of the school. Photo by Jason Tearman

Statements revised as goals are changed

North Side High School, since its beginning in 1927, has been, and will be — **THE PLACE TO BE**. In order to insure that North Side continues to be **THE PLACE TO BE**, the North Side Family has been reviewing all aspects of the North Side High School program.

The review started with the Performance Based Accreditation Study, which was completed last year (1993-94 school year). The North Side High School Action Plan, which elaborates the four goals for the 1994-95 school year and beyond, is part of the PBA study. The four goals are stated as follows:

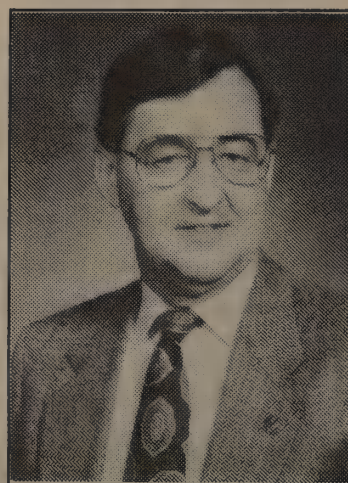
Goal 1 -Students and staff use technology effectively to augment learning and teaching and to communicate efficiently.

Goal 2 -Students, faculty, parents and community recognize good attendance is a prerequisite for being a successful student.

Goal 3 -A learning environment exists in which students

are responsible, independent learners.

Goal 4 -All ninth grade



The Vision Statement for North Side is:

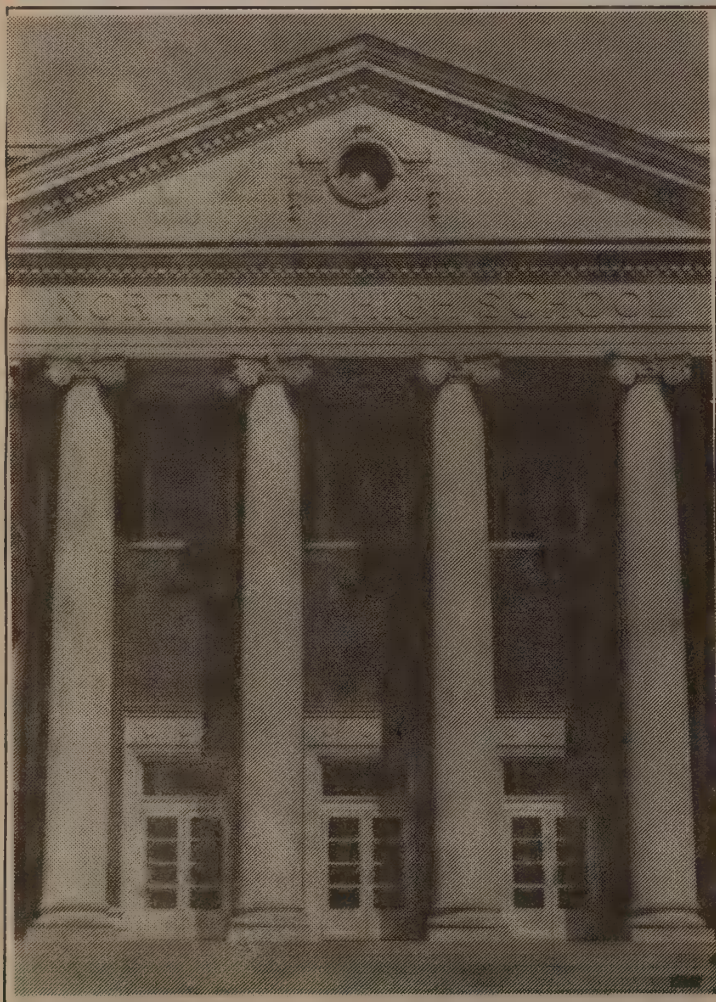
Students will be responsible citizens and successful lifelong learners.

The revised Mission Statement states:

The mission of the North Side High School staff is to provide an environment that develops the academic, personal, and social skills necessary for lifelong learning.

As the North Side family continues to review the educational process for the young people who we serve, these two statements will serve as a guide. We want everyone who is a part of the North Side family to continually review the programs in which they are involved, to see if the programs help to accomplish our vision and our mission.

It is my belief that, with all of us working together using the vision and mission statements as our guide, we can continue to make North Side High School **THE PLACE TO BE**.



Alumni Room enshrines school's rich traditions

RON FLICKINGER
Guidance Counselor

At 8:00 p.m. on June the 8th, 328 seniors will join the approximately 20,000 other people who are graduates of North Side High School.

If history is any indication, the class of '95 will add to the rich tradition of North Side and to the future well-being of our culture.

North Side graduates have distinguished themselves both as students at North Side and as members of the larger community. That tradition has been permanently enshrined at North and it is hoped that past graduates will take time to visit and saturate themselves in the Redskin past.

Mr. Bruce Massoth, art teacher, along with several of his independent art students have done a masterful job of exhibiting the richness and tradition which has been and is North Side High School.

In a small unnumbered room in the 130 hallway (the former math office), Mr. Massoth has displayed memorabilia and made available, through copies of all the Legends and all the past issues of the Northerner, the exciting history of North Side High School.

As one looks at the pictures on the walls (Milton Northrop, O. Dale Robertson, Victoria Gross, the dome in 1937, various graduation classes, etc.) and sees the momentos

on the shelves (Lois Francis Evans' 1928 diploma, a variety of trophies and awards, as well as playbills and commencement notices), a sense of living history permeates the room, and the visitor can easily transport him/herself into another era.

If it's North Side historical information one is after, then plan to spend several hours at the small study desk and pour over Legends dating from 1929 and take the time to read every Northerner ever published. People and events come alive through those pages.

For example, in 1929 there were 9 girls who performed a "suprisingly new brand of basketball"—there were several inter-gym rilvaries, but no interscholastic ones (those were for boys only in 1929).

In 1932 the 5th annual senior play was entitled "Just Out of College" starring North Side senior Everette Scott. In 1941, according to an ad in the October 31st edition of the Northerner, the well-dressed young lady at North could go to W & D's (on the third floor) and buy a junior dress for \$19.98. On October 20, 1961, the North Side marching band, under the direction of C. William Hatt, won the Class A Sweepstakes for the 3rd year in a row (the tradition continues under Edward King).

The "Ripplettes" were working hard in 1973 for their May water ballet and Miss Amy Swihart is pictured (page 6) of the June 8th, 1989



A GRADUATE FROM the Class of 1945 uses the Alumni Room as a tool in planning the 50th reunion of his class. The room is located in the 130 hallway in the former math office.

Northerner after being accepted into the prestigious International Quill and Scroll Society. As one reads of these former Redskins, one wonders where they ended up and what happened to them.

North Side graduates have made an indelible mark on North Side High School and the class of '95 is not an exception. The current edition of the Legend and the past year's copies of the Northerner will grace the

shelves of this North Side "Alumni Room" for future generations of Redskins to read. The North Side Community is thankful to Mr. Massoth and his students for their gift to us.

Prior Planning Prevents Poor Performance

KATHY BENNET
Guidance Counselor

I was thinking the other day about how busy we have been in school lately.

The Guidance office is always filled with people from the time the door is unlocked until after it is dark. We like it that way. The daily interaction with students keeps us revitalized and connected to the needs and concerns of the faculty and student body.

However, sometimes our "juggling act" of remembering to do multiple tasks doesn't work. Our intentions are good, but we failed to plan effectively.

Prior planning prevents poor performance. This phrase was used in a letter I sent to freshmen parents this year. Over one hundred freshmen

families have responded by calling and setting up conferences to talk about current and future issues. By collaborating, problem solving, and brain storming together, we have been able to come up with a plan that will help their son or daughter achieve small and large goals. This process has been an awesome one for me!

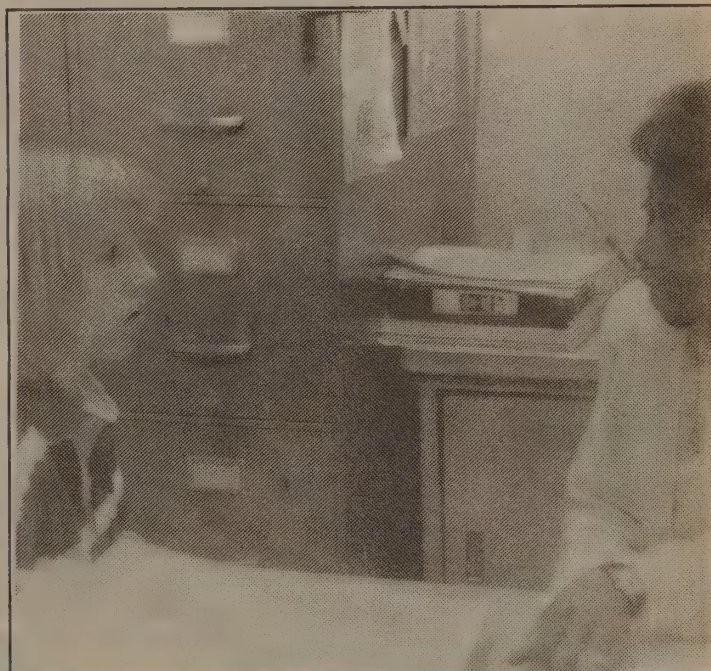
Whether discussing individual class progress or what university they could attend, students, along with their parents have planned together for the future.

A few years ago, when I was a counselor at Elmhurst High School, a ninth grader told me he wanted to take college preparatory courses and also enroll in the Anthesis Career Center's Industrial Technology program. He said he wanted both the theoretical and hands-on experiences that both ap-

proaches would offer. He graduated three years later as salutatorian of his class and went on to college. He planned ahead and took advantage of the curriculum.

Prior planning allows us to assume more responsibility, tackle more tasks, and become more efficient. Those efforts are rewarded in our society with recognition and increased opportunity for job promotion. Without prior planning, we risk the chance that others will make the decisions and choices for us.

If you have a son or daughter who is a freshman and you have not completed a four year educational plan, please call our office and set up a conference. Even if your son or daughter may not know what they want to do, we still need to touch base and share ideas. Please call me soon!



STUDENTS CAN GET help from several sources in the Guidance Office that will assist them in planning their academic futures. Photo by Jason Tearman



School's accreditation up for review

ARDUA HARRIS
Features co-editor

The North Central Association of Colleges and Schools visited North Side last week.

North Side's accreditation was up for review. A school's accreditation is reviewed every five years to see if that school is up to standard. Some of these standards include: having a written statement of philosophy and goals which is the governing document for the school, quality programs accessible to all students, and a school climate conducive to learning, according to the North Central Policies and Standards handbook.

The North Central team consisted of teachers and administrative volunteers from various schools in Indiana.

"Accreditation says to you, as a school, that you are doing things right," said Dr. Richard Gardner, principal. "It gauges your education. It's something colleges look at to see if your school has the right certification," said Dr. Gary Jones, North Central Committee chairperson.

The team comes in and reviews the schools based on a self-study the school conducts. The study contains the school's strengths and weaknesses, what the curriculum is like, and an action plan, which is goals the school wants to attain.

"We come in and see if the school is actually doing what they say they're doing," said Dr. Jones. "We talk to as many people involved in the school as possible."

The committee, in addition to talking with teachers and administrators, talked with students, parents, and the new superintendent. They visited feeder schools and school administrators who work downtown.

Some members of the committee commented on what they saw as North Side's strengths and weaknesses. "The staff seems interested in doing what it takes to make students successful," said Mr. Donald Fiwek, a teacher at John Adams High School in South Bend.

"The students are respectful and cooperative. That's something you don't see everywhere," said Ms. Sara Robbins, a teacher at Warsaw

Community High School. "It (the school) is clean and well-maintained. It has lots of programs other schools would love to have. You have a smorgasbord of choice. I've seen no other school that equals it in opportunities," she added.

"What I've seen here is a lot of tradition. People here are proud to say they went here and that their parents and grandparents, etc., also attended North Side," said Dr. Jones.

"One of the weaknesses I've witnessed, which most other schools are dealing with, is the integration of technology into the classroom. I can see North Side is working on it. They know it's a problem," said Dr. Jones.

"We also want teachers to work on ways of helping those students that fall through the cracks (of the school system), and look at new teaching methodologies," he added. "We want students to know that not only can they learn and achieve, but that they can also succeed."

"This is not a comparative analysis," said Dr. Jones. "We just want to help a good school become even better."

Hey diddle diddle ...



MEMEBERS OF THE cast of *Fiddler on the Roof* perform a scene last Friday.

Times are changing, pride on the downfall

LUCAS PERKINS
Features Reporter

The pep session last Friday was uncharacteristically lively in support of the basketball team.

Semi-state, and the hope of a possible championship, created an energy not often seen at pep sessions.

"But why does it have to

stop?" asked Mrs. Pamela Houk, Social Studies and German teacher. "Why can't it be like that all the time?" she said.

Even in lieu of the spirited session, Mrs. Houk still feels there is not enough pride in the school.

"There was no red and white on Friday. Everyone wore green because it was St. Patrick's day!

Where was the red and

white?" she said.

On the other hand, Mr. Bruce Massoth, art teacher and school historian, said of the pep session, "I thought it was nice."

It was good to see that much spirit, he added.

"It was great to see the faculty still has the ability to make fools of themselves for the school," he said.

He said the apparent lack of

pride is not singular to North Side though.

"It is a city wide change," he said, and in fact, even a societal one.

"These days kids are forming other interests. Some students work," he said, "Traditions don't mean as much."

He also cited the much more readily available transportation of recent times as a factor in this.

Whereas in the past, people lived their lives in the community they grew up in, now people are not as tied to a certain place, so a sense of pride or allegiance is not formed.

"I don't know if that's for good or bad, but it is a reality and it is just going to be that way," he said.

"But," said Mrs. Houk, "why can't we have tradition along with other interests?"

With honors



MEMBERS OF THE National Honor Society enjoy donuts and juice in the cafeteria Monday during first period. Thirty-nine seniors, 13 juniors, six sophomores, and one freshman succeeded in becoming part of the group. Photo by Richard Ning

Vision, mission statements changed

ERIN MCATEE
News Editor

The entire North Side staff came together and revised the school's vision and mission statements.

During the PBA study four teams were created-transition, attendance, technology, and learning.

The transition team focused on helping the incoming freshmen get adjusted in their new environment.

The attendance team specializes in improving the overall attendance of the school. This is the team that came up with the tardy policy.

The technology team worked on updating technology, while the learning team specialized in "developing personal and social skills within the student."

Through the various studies it was determined that the mission statement needed a face lift. Parts were kept and parts were done away with.

"We just wanted to make it more in line with what we are doing

and what has already been done (in the school)," Mrs. Donna Reithmiller, foreign language department head said.

She said that they wanted to emphasize developing the students as whole people and making them aware and prepared for challenges they face in the future. The idea behind the revisions was to make this a life-long process.

"We want students to realize that once they get to their commencement, which actually means 'the beginning', that this is only the beginning," said Mrs. Reithmiller.

She also said that the new mission and vision statements were agreed upon by the entire staff. Both statements went through many revisions before officially becoming the new vision and mission statements of North Side.

The new statements were put into affect in February and now the staff is trying to get the information out to students and parents. "We want to make people aware that it has changed," said Mrs. Reithmiller.



Softball team gears up for strong new season

CHRISTY MILLS
Sports Reporter

The softball team begins another season with new positions, new equipment, new challenges, and a few new members.

However not all of the members are new. Mr. John Miller, head coach, said, "There are many returning players, which means lots of experience." He included that many of the members greatly improved from last season.

Coach Miller said that there are many strong arms in the infield and "the pitchers just keep getting better and better."

Although the team only lost two seniors from last season, the team is still unsure of the final positions the players will be placed in.

Coach Miller said the team is desperately lacking a first baseman. "We lost a great first baseman and leader last season so now we need someone to replace her [Katy Bruening]."

There are still many holes to fill out on the field, but Coach Miller is still shuffling the players around to see who fits in best where.

Coach Miller said that he has found some noticeable strong points of the team even though their season just began a few weeks ago.

Coach Miller mentioned that

some of his key returning players are seniors Angie Stinson, Jenny Powell, and Jana Farrell, juniors Chris Sutton, Katy Jordan, April Jones and Leslie Shaffer, sophomore.

Most of all he hopes to develop the pitchers into "varsity action" pitchers and make them their strong point.

Through fund-raisers, the team has collected enough money to buy a pitching machine which pitches to a speed of 80mph, a fence, bleachers and a dug out. Coach Miller also said that they might possibly be getting an announcer.

"We hope that our pitching machine helps us improve our hitting," said Coach Miller.

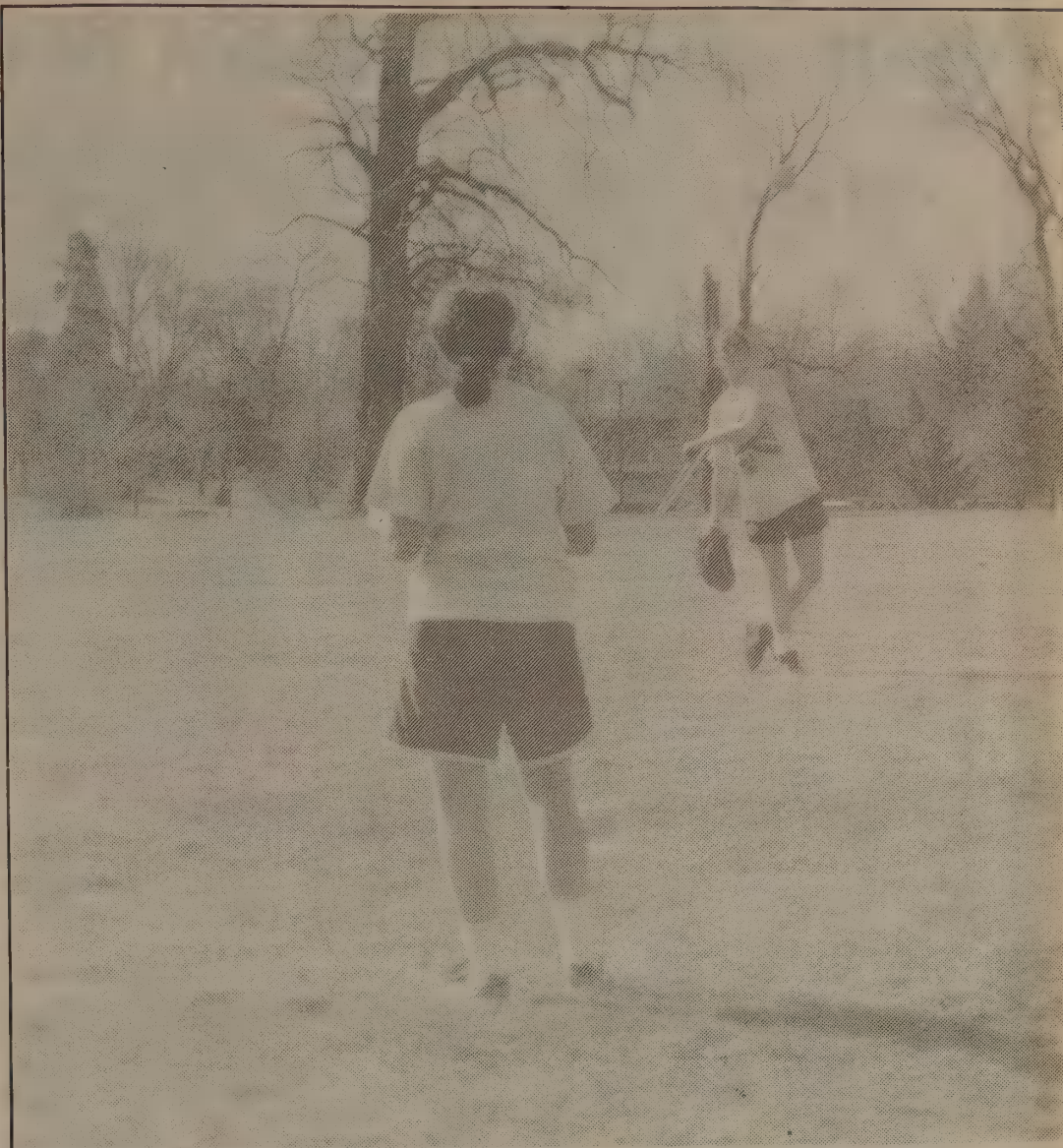
Another new feature for the softball team is their jersey's. Instead of their old polyester jersey's, the team ordered cotton tee-shirts that will have their last name and their number printed on the back.

Coach Miller's goals for the season include finishing in the top three in SAC and to win sectionals.

He plans that this season will be full of "interesting challenges." Not just in the other competitors, but in themselves too, he said.

"I hope we win a lot of games and our pitching skills reach their best," said Coach Miller.

The softball team's first game is at Heritage on April 11th. The game starts at 4:30.



SOPHOMORES TRACY SUTTON and Carrie Hagen warm up at Northside Park at the beginning of softball practice. *Photo by Chrissy Francies*

Fore!



SWINGING HIS CLUB, junior James McFadden prepares to go play golf. The golf team practiced as early as 6:30 a.m. before the team was able to go outside. *Photo by Jason Tearman*

Teams battle for practice time

JAMIE FORD
News Reporter

Although practices for spring athletic teams have "officially left the building," the fight for gym space on bad days still flourishes.

"Weather," said Mr. John Miller, softball coach, "and coach cooperation has been a big plus in making practice scheduling easier."

He also added that players have had a hard time arranging their schedules around the practice times.

Track uses the Stadium Gym because they can practice hurdling and pole vaulting, but if the gym is unavailable, then the team can't practice these events.

Mr. Keith Scott, boys track coach, said, "Because we have such an unavailability of practice facilities, certain things can't be practiced like track, softball, and baseball."

Baseball uses the Multi-purpose room one and if it isn't available, then they don't practice in the batting cages. The same goes for softball.

"The fight for gym space wouldn't be a problem if all the teams didn't want to practice at the same time, three to five," said Mr. J. Miller.

Others, like Mr. Duane Brown, Athletic Director, disagree, "We have so many teams and so little space, but we are in better shape than other teams because we do have two gyms and two multi-purpose rooms."

In the beginning, teams tried to practice until ten, but parents didn't appreciate it.

Therefore, practice time, at the latest, was cut down to nine o'clock. But, unlike teams that practice after school, the golf team practices at 6:30 a.m.

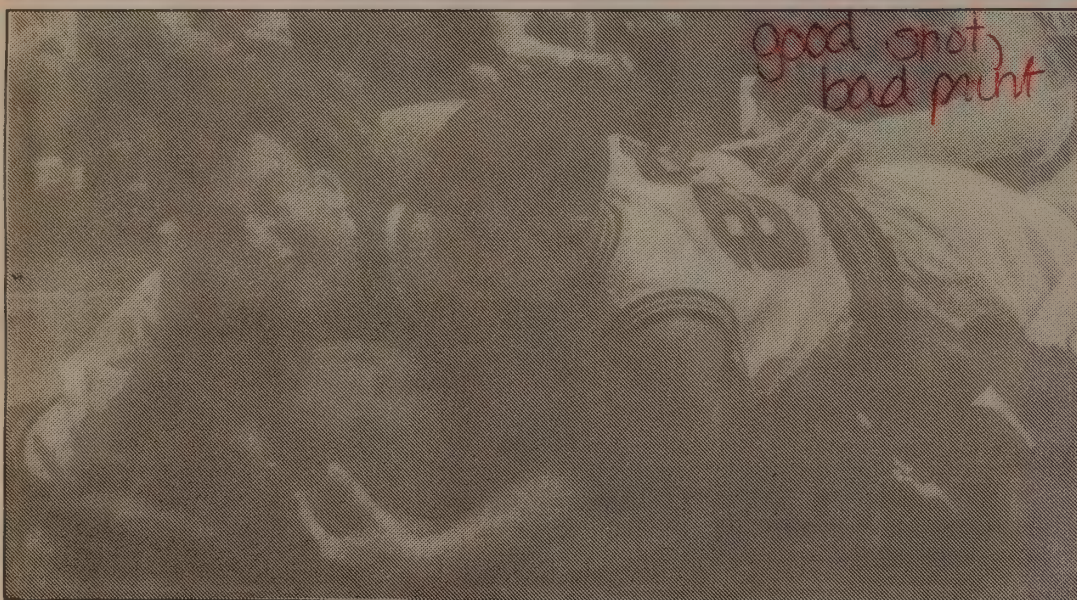
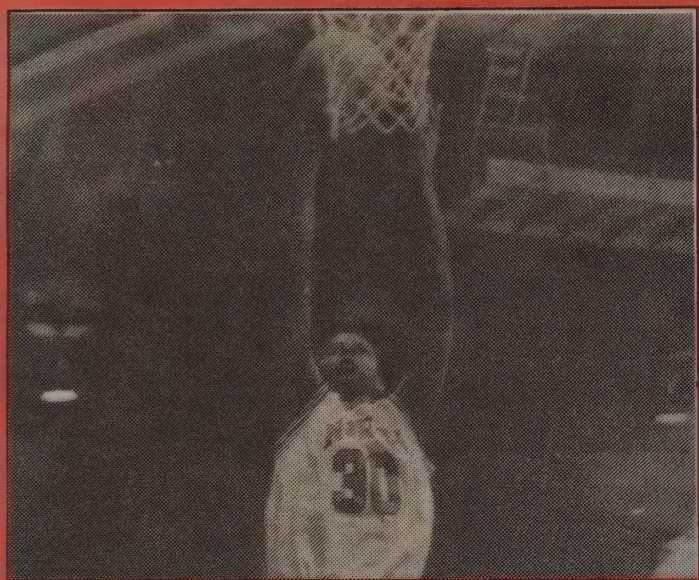
James McFadden, junior golf team member, said, "The golf team practices early because the other teams want to practice after school and so we can learn what we are doing wrong and practice at the course after school."

Shad Turner, junior baseball player, said, "When the team practices late, I have no time for homework. I go home, sleep, go to practice, go to sleep. It wears me out."

Free-throws costly for team, Skins scalped by Pilgrims

Top: Ty Winn, senior, goes up to make one of his many shots during the semi-state game against Plymouth at Notre Dame last Saturday. **Bottom:** Clifton Dickerson and Charnier Corey, seniors, wrestler a pilgrim for control of the ball on Saturday.

Photos by Chrissy Francies.



DEREK RITTENHOUSE
Sports Reporter

Even though the boys' basketball team lost in the semi-state last weekend, they still had a great season. They ran over South Side in the Fort Wayne Regionals to advance to the 'Sweet Sixteen' and the South Bend semi-state.

The first two meetings between North and South proved to be exciting. A lot of people expected the North-South game to be a close game, full of exciting offense and great defense. The game was far from that. Right off the start, senior Keion Brooks rattled off North's first nine points before South Side even knew what was happening.

North built up their lead at half-time to 34-17 en route to a 73-48 stomping of the Archers. South Side started out flat and could not regain the momentum as North pulled away and never looked back.

Last Saturday North battled the Plymouth Pilgrims to try to earn the right to play Elkhart Memorial who had won earlier in the day. They came up just short of defeating the Pilgrims by the final score of 58-50.

North was plagued early on in the match with bad free-throw shooting and poor three-point shooting.

"We missed some key three-point plays that could have given us some points, but we didn't hit them and that hurt us a lot early on. If we executed a little better on offense then maybe the outcome would have been better," said senior Ty Winn.

Plymouth controlled the tempo of the game from the start. They slowed the game down to their pace and controlled the ball most of

the time.

"When they would come down and take thirty seconds to a minute off the clock and then hit a three pointer, that just breaks your team's back," said Coach Glen Heaton.

"We didn't execute on offense and they played ball control really well. They held the ball a lot, especially in the fourth quarter," said senior Clifton Dickerson.

Even though they were shooting poorly they still managed to play well on defense. North trailed by only three points going into the second half.

"We knew that they were a team that we didn't want to get behind on early. They had a spurt in the second quarter that enabled them to get a five point lead on us, and then they were able to carry that lead over to the second half," added Heaton.

It seemed as though panic started to set in on North as the final minutes started to tick away.

"I think our guys wanted to win so badly and they knew how well Plymouth was playing, they felt like they had to score in a hurry," said Heaton. "We rushed things a little bit, but I think that was because we wanted to win so badly."

North held on until late in the fourth quarter, when they went without scoring for 5:33. Plymouth took advantage of North Side's drought and pulled away with an eight point victory.

"Plymouth deserved the win. They played a very well executed game," said Heaton. "It was just one of those games where we couldn't get the ball to drop from the outside. I thought our players played well and it was just bad luck that we couldn't get the ball to drop."

Teaching, coaching has down side, but also has advantages

CHRISTY MILLS
Sports Reporter

Many people don't realize all of the extra time and hard work coaches dedicate to their teams, but for coaches who are also teachers it involves even more time and dedication.

"Teaching and coaching is really hard," said Mrs. Linda Frick, girls' golf coach. "It takes time and energy."

She also said that it is difficult coming to school for about six and one-half hours knowing you have to stay after school for so many more hours coaching. And even after all that she still goes home to grade papers.

Mr. Jim Orr, assistant volleyball and track coach, said, "[Teaching and coaching] takes good time management. Every five or ten extra minutes you get, you use it to grade papers."

Mr. John Miller, softball and wrestling coach, and Coach Orr both said coaching reduces the amount of

time they spend with their family, but since their families are also dedicated to sports they come and watch them coach which, they said, helps out a lot.

Another disappointment is the fact that when the season is over it is hard for the coaches and the team to stay in contact with each other.

Coach Orr said, "It's hard because you spend all of this time with the team and you are at the point to where you are really close to them and then the season ends."

Although there are a few disadvantages they said there are many

advantages.

One of those advantages is meeting students that you would otherwise have never met. "There is an increased interaction of students," said Coach Miller. He added that coaching is a more enjoyable experience because you get to know the students better outside of the school.

On the down side though, Coach Orr said that sometimes you find out things that you didn't want to know such as their personal lives and problems.

"When this happens it is also

an advantage because you can give them advice to help them," said Coach Orr.

"We have a chance to teach important idea values such as the thrill of victory, yet the agony of defeat and overall sportsmanship," said Coach Miller.

For most coaches who also

teach, it is much easier to see and inform them [students who they coach] of changes in their practice schedule said Coach Frick. She also said she would not be able to coach and teach as well if she didn't love golf as much as she does. "You really have to love the sport," she said.

Coach Orr said he feeds off the love of his members and that is what helps him to keep going.

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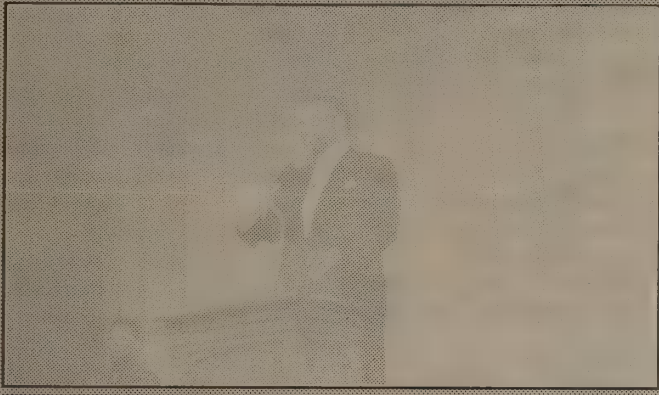
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■ You Can be Successful



DR. EUGENE WHITE, former principal at Wayne, stresses the fact that everyone can be successful, if they try, during an all school assembly.

Jazz Band has Successful Season

DANIELLE ENGLISH
Editor-In-Chief

The jazz band has accomplished many feats this year.

Ben Meyer, senior, won four awards throughout the year bringing home best drummer, and outstanding drummer titles.

Brandon Rentfrow, senior, also won four awards which included being a membership to the All-State Jazz band, and State Solo Ensemble. He also was nominated for the Sterling Sentinel Award for band.

Ken Chlebek, sophomore, won two awards for his performance on the vibes.

Matt Cashdollar, junior and Tony Didier, senior also won two awards for their playing on the alto-sax. Sam Lauer, senior, won honors in the Tri-State Band.

Overall the jazz band has won four contests: Western Michigan, Indiana State, Snider, and Northrop. All four schools are division one schools.

Sam said that she was really surprised when she won fourth chair clarinet in the Tri-State Honors band.

"I was thrilled when I was able to play a part in a band with a professional atmosphere," she said.

When Brandon won his spot in the All-State Jazz Band he felt privileged to play with such an elite group. Brandon went on to say that this year's jazz band is the best he's heard since he's been at North Side.

Ben said the reason this year's band is so much better than other year's is because it is just a more powerful group of people. "Each section was good as a section as well as having soloists," he said.

Despite Problems, Prom Still on Schedule

JAMIE FORD
News Reporter

Although prom is seven weeks away, plans are in full swing, but without decorations, will there be a prom?

According to Mrs. Sherry Marks, decorations sponsor, "Yes, there will be a prom, there just won't be any decorations."

The actual decorations for prom should be planned and ordered in about two and a half weeks, she said.

"At the last meeting," Mrs. Marks said, "we had a about 30 stu-

dents show up at the meeting on Thursday (March 23) and they showed interest, so hopefully the prom will have decorations.

Any junior or senior interested in helping with decorations should listen during the daily announcements for meeting times and dates.

"The groups are broken up into sub-committees and some meeting are long and others are short," Mrs. Marks said.

Each of the sub-committees are responsible for different parts of

the decorations.

The sponsors will not do any of the decorating, however; if the students need help or advice with decorating, then they will help.

"I think that getting involved with the prom is a great opportunity because a lot of people want to express their opinions. With prom committees, they can go and help choose decorations to make their prom an experience to remember," Mrs. Marks said.

The prom will be at Expo Center two at the Memorial Coliseum on May 12, from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Art students tried hard but came up short

AARON MARTZ
News Reporter

The Saint Francis High School Art Exhibit is going on now through April 7 in the Weatherhead Gallery in the Bonaventure Hall.

The contest was open to any high school art student within a 250 mile radius of Fort Wayne, so students from nearby states have entered as well.

Awards for the contest included three \$1500 scholarships to St. Francis College as well as merchandise awards. Students also have the

opportunity to sell their art work.

Although no entries from North Side won this year, North has been very successful at the exhibition in the past, winning two scholarships just last year.

Mr. Bruce Massoth, art and photography teacher, says, "It's good anytime for students to be in competition, to see how they stand as compared to other students in their grade levels."

He added that even though the students didn't make it into the contest, it gave them an opportunity to work harder.

Although each school is limited to ten entries, photography students at North Side were required in their syllabus to submit one piece, with two being the maximum.

Pieces that were to be submitted to the contest were judged by the North Side art department, narrowing the number down to ten.

All schools are represented in the exhibit, but the number of works per school was decided by a jury at the college.

All submissions for the exhibit are now being displayed in the art gallery in the 120 hall.

Newsline

•The Varsity Baseball team will have their first game during Spring Break. They will be playing Norwell at North Side Park on April 4 at 4:15. They will also be playing at Concordon April 6 at 12p.m.
•The Varsity Softball team will be-

gin their season as they return from Spring Break, on April 11. They will be playing at Heritage at 4:30.

•The Boys' Track team will also be competing on April 11 at South Side with South Side and Wayne, at 4:15.

•The Girls' Tennis and Track teams will both be competing on April 12. The track team will be at home against Northrop and Luers at 4:15. The Tennis team will be playing at

South Side at 4p.m.

•The Fort Wayne Chapter of the Indiana Black Expo is hosting the Miss Black Expo Pageant on Saturday, June 3, at the Grand Wayne Center. This is not a beauty pageant! The pageant will focus on moral character cultural awareness, scholastic achievement, and personal growth. For further information, contact Mrs. Epps in the Guidance Office.

■ 'James Brown is Dead?'



THE SONG 'JAMES Brown is Dead' plays in the background while Angie Lamont, freshman, teaches new girls a routine for next years Color Guard try-outs. The girls are selected for the group not only by their ability to do the work, but also for their potential. They're judged on their flag and dance skills. Photo by Alyssa Schroeder.

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Welfare reform due

Here is the story of Sue. Sue was a teenager who habitually uses drugs and alcohol. She dropped out of school when she was nearly 16 because she was pregnant.

After the baby came, Sue's mother threw her out of the house. Sue was alone with a child to care for and no job. This is where our government aid, welfare, came in and saved Sue.

This wonderful government program enabled Sue to stay at her one bedroom apartment in the projects with her baby and not work.

Sue later found out that her benefits would increase if she had another baby. Out came another child and up went her benefits. Besides the free checks, Sue also got cool easy to trade food stamps, and some aged cheddar cheese. As soon as Sue had her second child, her perks nearly

doubled.

Sue had no money to spare and she was yearning for the good old days when she used to shoot up and then down some shots of tequila. All Sue had was some food stamps. She got an idea and then left the apartment with the two kids inside alone.

Sue had gone into town to pawn her food stamps. She found a whino who traded her some vodka for a few of her food stamps. Her supplier also was willing to trade her.

Shortly after, Sue found the light and wanted to come cleand and go down the straight and narrow path.

She tried to find a job and get off of her government sponsored vacation. Sue looked everywhere for a job. She found some she liked, but after paying for a sitter for her children she was bringing home less than when she was on welfare. Sue did what any other person would do. She stayed at home instead of working.

Who in their right mind would work forty plus hours a week for less money? No one would and that's the problem.

The welfare reform stresses workfare, not welfare. How are we supposed to get people off of welfare, which subsequently this country pays \$2.2 million a year for, and out into the work force?

Everything that was once a bad thing is now acceptable. Welfare was first designed to give people who were down on their luck a second chance. Why then are people staying on welfare for eight years and more?

Because welfare is so cozy and accomodating, that's why.

The welfare reform should be as follows:

1. Benefits should not be raised just because you have another child. Learn to be responsible. If you can't afford the first five kids that you have, don't have a sixth.

2. Be accountable for every cent that you have and record it. The sad part of all of this is that the money taxpayers give is not always used for good. When the welfare recipients are made accountable for the money they are given, the alcohol and the drugs can no longer be purchased. If money is not accounted for, the benefits cease.

3. Welfare can go on for only so long people. Anyone, yes anyone can find a job somewhere. Be it at the fast food restaurant around the corner or babysitting. Just get off of welfare and find a job.

Sometimes the job does pay less than the welfare checks, but doesn't it feel good to know that you earned that money, and it wasn't handed to you. Society has become so lazy and all it wants is things handed to them. That needs to change, now.



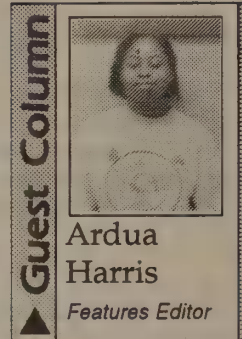
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Mixed message hurting children



Guest Column

Ardua Harris

Features Editor

Marcia Clark is trying to convince a jury that O. J. Simpson is guilty of murder. Now, she also has to convince a judge that she is capable of taking care of her sons.

Clark may join the ranks of other women who've lost their children because they can't be home with them 24 hours a day; women like Jennifer Ireland. Remember her? She's the college student who lost her daughter to the father because she placed the child in day care and because the father's mother could watch the child at home. The judge said it was better if the child was raised by blood relatives than by strangers. The father, Steven, filed the petition only after Ireland requested child support.

The courts seem to be sending a message to working mothers: stay at home with your children or run the risk of losing them. In this day and age, such a message seems ridiculous. Now that women have achieved some level of economic independence, there is a movement in this country to take children away from competent mothers. Using the argu-

ment that because a woman works outside the home makes her an unfit parent is preposterous considering that most men who file for custody of their children also work. It just goes to show the double standards at work in our society. There exists a certain prejudice against successful, working women. How many Hillary Clinton jokes have you heard lately?

A mixed message is also being sent in regards to the welfare debate. Congress wants to cut welfare benefits and force single mothers, who stay at home, to go to work. These women are doing what society traditionally says women should do. They cannot have it both ways.

It would be a mistake to start taking children away from fit mothers. It would especially be a mistake, in Clark's case, to take her children away because of a trial that only lasts a few months. It's time to really start doing what's in the best interests of the child.

Now that women have achieved some level of economic independence, there is a movement in this country to take children away from competent mothers. Using the argu-

ment that because a woman works outside the home makes her an unfit parent is preposterous considering that most men who file for custody of their children also work. It just goes to show the double standards at work in our society. There exists a certain prejudice against successful, working women. How many Hillary Clinton jokes have you heard lately?

A mixed message is also being sent in regards to the welfare debate. Congress wants to cut welfare benefits and force single mothers, who stay at home, to go to work. These women are doing what society traditionally says women should do. They cannot have it both ways.

It would be a mistake to start taking children away from fit mothers.

It would especially be a mistake, in Clark's case, to take her children away because of a trial that only lasts a few months. It's time to really start doing what's in the best interests of the child.

Off the Record...

"How do you feel about welfare reform?"



Jesse Moore, senior

"I think it's a way to get those lazy people off their butts."



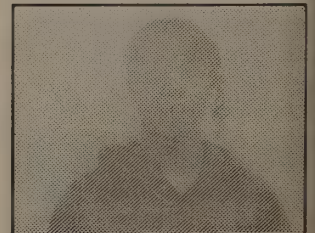
D.J. Simmons, sophomore

"What's the reform?"



Jenni Forbes, senior

"Welfare is good for people who need it, but not for people who don't."



Lynette Hairston, freshman

"It doesn't effect me so I don't care."



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Students excel in fields of interest

LUCAS PERKINS
Features Reporter

Academics are an important factor in high school, and those who excel in them are given much recognition.

But, there are many subjects and fields that students excel in that are not academic, but are just as important. Too many times, these students do not receive the recognition they deserve.

Students who excel in such fields as art, industrial arts, and home economics are not normally given much recognition for their accomplishments.

Mr. Bruce Massoth, art teacher, said, "Overwhelmingly over the years there has been more emphasis on academics."

Brad Ferrier, one of Mr. Massoth's most successful students, said, "There should be more recognition for stuff like shop, foreign language, and home economics."

His reasoning is that there are successful people in these fields. "Such as master cabinet makers," he said.

As for his field he is excelling in, Brad said, "I just don't think there are that many people who are interested in art." So why do it?

"I like it and it is what I want to do for a living, so I might as well get good at it now instead of later," he said.

Mr. Scott Brown, industrial arts teacher, said that many talented students don't get the recognition they deserve, citing that a bit in the an-

nouncement was all some of his students received last year for winning in a state contest.

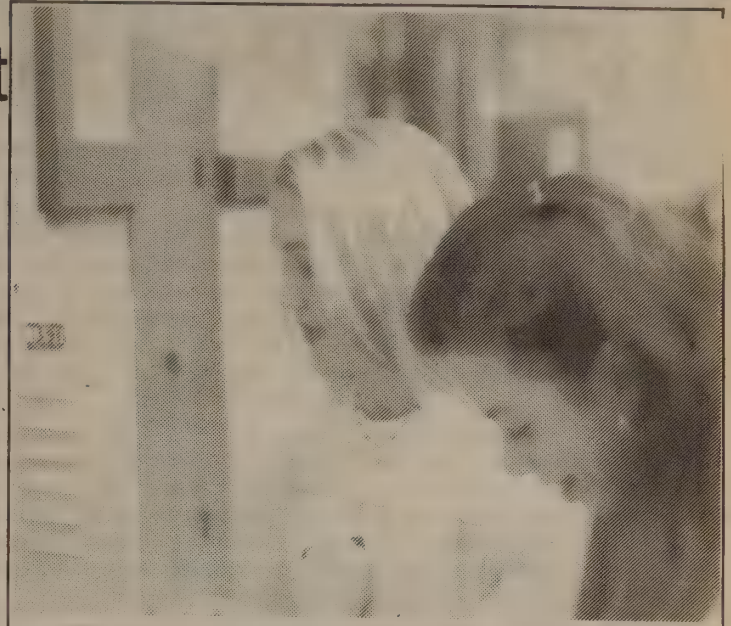
"Part of the problem is that it is the responsibility of the teachers" he said.

It takes an interest on the teachers' part, he said, in order for their students to receive recognition.

His solution for the lack of recognition was a more diversified use of the display cases in the front of the school.

"There should be a rotating system where each department could give recognition to their students for a certain amount of time," he said.

Mr. Massoth is optimistic about the situation though, as he said, "I think we're doing a better job now than in years."



JESSICA STEFFEN AND Anita McMeeking, sophomores, hang out at their lockers before school. Photo by Terri Keating

From the horse's mouth.....

Tips for Studying

"Set up a time schedule for the week, with the same time each day (hopefully)."

-Mr. Dave Bierbaum, math

"Study one hour a night."

-Amy Witzigreuter, senior

"Pay attention in class and do your homework."

-Angie Galzleicher, junior

"Take effective notes."

-Jackie Mohr, junior

"Listen to your teachers and pay attention in class."

-Angela Hartman, junior

Academics important to Meyer

ARDUA HARRIS
Features co-editor

Musician and Academic. Both describe senior Ben Meyer.

Ben takes his academics as seriously as he takes his music. As the result of his hard work, he will graduate in the top 20 of the senior class. He is also a two year member of the National Honors Society.

"Even though I'm into band, academics take precedence over ev-

erything else," he said.

He cites setting the curve on his last Calculus test as one of his proudest accomplishments this year.

"It's addicting," he said referring to Calculus. "It not only teaches you about the world, but it also expands your mind. I find myself reading more about it outside of class."

That doesn't mean Ben likes everything about school.

"School is something I can do," he said. "I like to learn, but a lot of times I hate school because I feel

I'm not learning anything here. Certain classes are just uninteresting. Teachers don't try and make them so."

Music also plays an important role in Ben's life. He is involved with numerous bands at North Side including the jazz, pep, marching, and concert bands. He is a drummer and has received numerous awards.

"My experience in band has taught me more about life than anything else," he said. "I have met many friends in it."

At the Northrop Jazz Fest,

Ben won the best drummer award. It was presented to him by guest artist Louie Belson, a prominent drummer. "It's something I'll never forget. He signed one of my drum heads. I even got to talk with him," Ben said.

Reflecting on his senior year, Ben said he will remember the teachers the most. "I will remember Mr. King first and foremost. He doesn't just teach music. He teaches values."

"Knowledge is important," Ben said. "North Side gave me some of it."

Walking through halls a problem

RITA MAGSAMEN
Features co-editor

Due to overcrowding, the halls have become an obstacle course to walk through.

Some students find this very annoying.

Naomi Kilbride, junior, said "I find it annoying when I'm walking down the math hall before school and all the freshmen have their legs stretched out."

Being run into is a common complaint. "I hate it when people run into me, then blame me for running into them," said Cindy Heidenreich, junior.

Abbe Oser, junior, doesn't like it when she is walking behind someone who is going to slow. "I don't have all day to get to class, and I don't think anybody else does. So walk down the hall, don't crawl," she said.

Erin Riley, senior, is also bothered by slow pedestrians. She said, "They (people who walk slow) have

no consideration for others. They walk soooooo slow! It must take them 8 hours to get to class."

Brandee LaBrosse, freshman, voiced Erin's and Abbe's opinion. "I just hate it when someone walks so slow, and I'm trying to get to class on time. It's so annoying," she said.

Mystee Howell, junior, said, "I hate it when someone in front of me is walking real slow, then the people behind them push me out of the way to pass."

Heather Steffen, senior, proposed a solution to this everyday problem. "People who walk slow should be tied to a mallwalker so they can speed up their pace a little," she said.

Stopping in the middle of the hall also causes some problems.

Mystee said, "I hate it when people will just stop in the hall, and I say 'excuse me' and try to go around, then they'll just give me dirty looks. It also really bothers me when I'm going up or down the stairs and someone in front of me will stop to talk to someone, and I can't get around," she said.

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To pitch, not their niche

CHRISTY MILLS
Sports Reporter

The baseball team slides into a new season with "positive attitudes and great enthusiasm" according to Mr. Bruce Miller, head coach.

Coach Miller said that so far he can tell the team has "good offense and outstanding defense."

He said, "We are working on everything you have to do during games such as throwing from first base to third, second base to home, and bringing the ball infield from the outfield. Basically just working on mechanics."

"We are really looking forward to starting the season," said Jake Garringer, senior.

Jimmy Fiedler, sophomore, said so far the team looks "pretty good." He said some of the team's strong points are their "great defense and powerful hitters."

Jake said, "Our defense will help us win big games and our starting line-up will help to put the ball into play."

The team's only weak point, according to Coach Miller, is their pitching.

"Pitching is our only weak point. Only because we have new

members that never had the opportunity to pitch until now," said Coach Miller.

He said that they are just inexperienced and that he hopes to improve them by the end of the season.

Jimmy said his goal for the team is to "win SAC, finish with an undefeated season, and to go far into the tournament."

Coach Miller said, "My goal for the team is to capture an SAC title. Last year the team placed second."

He added that second place isn't a long jump to first, but to get there they will have to play against some challenging games.

Coach Miller described that this team is different from last year's team in that this year's team "works very hard as a team, their enthusiasm is great, and they all have positive attitudes."

"When you have all of these things, through a coach's eye, the rest is downhill," said Coach Miller.

Coach Miller said that some of the stronger players are Alex Raftree, Rich Brown, John Godwin, Jake Garringer, Jason Redwanski and Brendan Thomason, seniors.

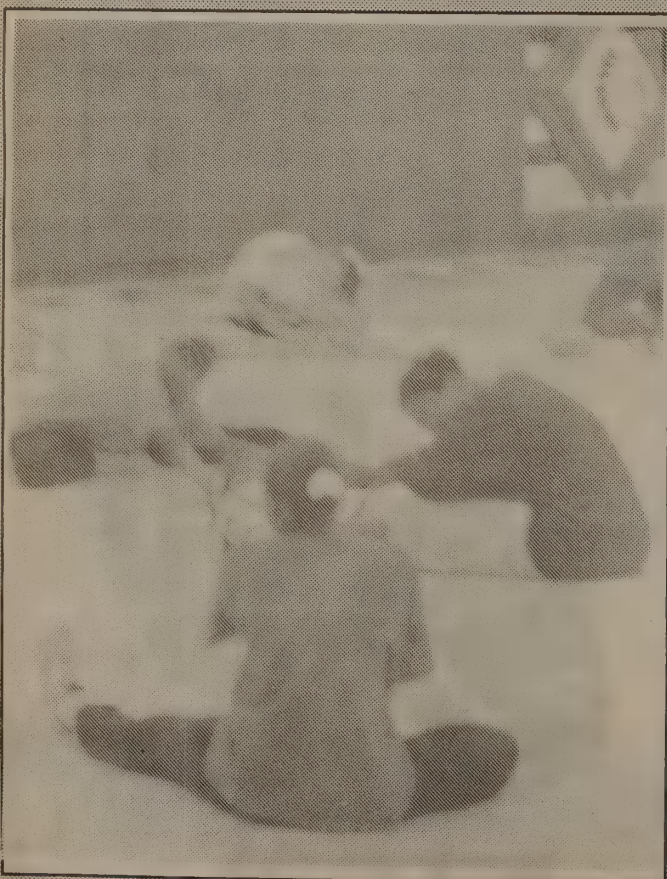
The team's first game day is April 3rd, a doubleheader, at Concord. The game begins at noon.

Ready, Boom!



HOLLY BELSCHNER, SENIOR, focuses on her form in a practice that got rained out this week. To help with the form, the girl's yelled out ready, boom. Photo by Jason Tearman.

Feel the burn!



The girl's track team stretches out before a practice. Photo by Alisha Dunkelburger.

Close team will recall feats at reunion

DEREK RITTENHOUSE
Sports Reporter

When the class of '95 has their 50 year reunion, it will be easy for them to remember the moments that everybody will look back on.

Some of these include the basketball team beating fourth ranked Warsaw by one point, winning the SAC championship, winning the sectionals and regionals, and then going on to semi-state and the 'Sweet Sixteen'. Even though they lost to a very good Plymouth team, that doesn't mean their season was a total wash out.

According to Coach Glen Heaton, this year's team may have been one of the closest team's North has seen in many years.

"This was a team that played together for most of their junior year, and I think that was a great advantage because they respected each other and they played well with each other. There were no personal clashes and no disputes between them. They were all each others best friend. They were one of the closest teams I have ever coached. The guys were willing to do just about anything for each other. I can't say enough on how well they played together and how well they got along."

For many of the seniors on this year's team, the Plymouth game may have been their final game for a

while, and in other cases that may have been their last game ever. Most of the seniors will be going on to college, and some are going to play at the college level. Others are still not sure if they will.

Josh Richardson, senior, decided to play football for the University of Louisville in the fall instead of playing basketball.

"I figured the competition at the college level would be a lot harder, plus with studies and football, I thought I had just better stick with football," said Richardson.

Senior Charnier Corey is trying to decide where he would like to play his college basketball at. "I don't know, it's between Tri-State and Norfolk State. Right now it's a toss up."

With a hard season of basketball comes some good and not so good memories.

"The best memory for me would have to be when all of us were

staying at the hotel for semi-state. It was just nice being around all the guys one last time," said Josh Richardson.

"Beating Warsaw was great. It was such a big game and they were ranked fourth in the state. That would be one of the best things I'll remember about this year. Probably one of the worst memories I'll have will be not winning the SAC on our home court," said senior Ty Winn.

Charnier said, "For me, beating Elmhurst to win the SAC championship was the best memory I'll have. It was a great win for the team and for our fans. I'd have to agree with Ty and say losing that Northrop game would be one of the bad memories I'll have."

Seniors Ty Winn and Keion Brooks were honored with SAC All-Conference titles this past Tuesday.

The coaching staff would like to thank the students, staff, and administrators on all the support and enthusiasm shown over the year.

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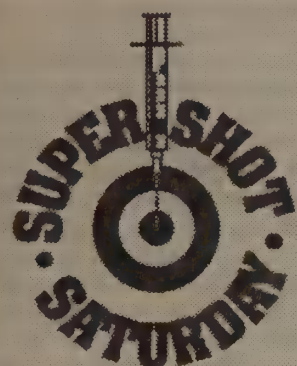
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Fowler-Finn's Money-Saving Reorganization Plan Proposed, Approved By School Board

ERIN MCATEE
News Editor

Dr. Thomas Fowler-Finn, Superintendent of Fort Wayne Community Schools announced his plan of reorganization for the school system last week on April 10.

The plan he announced will eliminate, add, and reorganize several positions within both the central administrative office and within the various schools themselves.

Dr. Fowler-Finn will eliminate 24 positions, in or dealing with the central offices, in order to cut about \$1.2 million in net savings for the second half of 1995 and all of 1996.

Another one of the biggest changes will be with the area administrators.

Currently, there are six area administrators covering the North Side, South Side, Snider, Northrop, Wayne, Elmhurst, and the Anthis Career Center areas.

Mr. Steve Bollier, will be responsible for the North and South Side areas.

Mr. Frank Houk, currently in charge of the North Side area, will be in charge of Snider, Elmhurst, and the Anthis Career Center.

Mrs. Sharon Banks, currently area administrator for Northrop, will also be taking on the Wayne area.

These changes will be in effect

no later than July 1.

Mrs. Banks, as quoted in the April 11 edition of the *News-Sentinel*, said "I'm excited by the concept," speaking of the plan to partner north-side schools with south-side schools. "Schools will still be competitive, but I think this will improve understanding," she added.

Dr. Richard Gardner, principal, said he thinks that what Dr. Fowler-Finn is doing will be good for the schools.

"I think this is a chance for north and south schools, who have a rich tradition, to be competitive in a positive way," he said.

One of the major parts of Dr. Fowler-Finn's proposal was postponed until the next board meeting, which will be on Monday, April 24 at 7p.m. This involves phasing out Reading Readiness over the next two years.

This class is in between kindergarten and first grade. It's purpose is to give students another opportunity to improve basic skills needed to be successful in the higher grades.

Board members were concerned with what would replace this level and how these students needs would be met.

One member of the board

was grateful to Dr. Fowler-Finn for his willingness to work with this aspect of his plan before having it brought up before the board.

"In-between grades are needed," said board member Jeanette Quilhot in the *News-Sentinel*. "I'd much rather see students being helped and reached at this age than waiting until they are in middle school."

"I hope that I'm perceived as a support for achieving all the goals (FWCS) wants to achieve."

Betty Steffy

Another point of the plan was that a partnership will be formed between IPFW and FWCS. Mrs. Betty Steffy, once she comes to Fort Wayne, will be the liaison between IPFW

and FWCS.

Her job will be to get more and improve current educational opportunities for students.

Mrs. Steffy, currently an associate professor at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, was quoted in the April 17 edition of the *News-Sentinel* as saying, "This is a unique opportunity to serve both the university and the school district. This is not a common model. I really have to credit the superintendent of schools and the chancellor for their creativity."

One of the things that FWCS and IPFW would like to do is to get

students to see that just as finishing high school is an expectation in society, so is finishing college.

"There should not be the gulf in education that there is. It should be seen as a K-16 system. Students should see that as seamless," said IPFW Chancellor Michael Wartell, in the April 17 issue of the *News-Sentinel*.

Most of the changes that were proposed will take effect July 1. A major part of his plan is instituting an on-going system of evaluation for the programs of FWCS.

According to the *News-Sentinel*, Dr. Fowler-Finn wants to know what's working, what isn't, and what needs to be changed.

Dr. Fowler-Finn expects for it to take about a year before a total evaluation system is up and running.

One part of Dr. Fowler-Finn's plan that has some people confused, is that guidance counselors will lose their administrative status.

Mrs. Kathy Bennett, guidance counselor, feels that no one at North Side will really be affected by this. She said that mainly the changes in this area will be made in the middle schools where they do not have many counselors for their students.

For the most part, teachers are positive about the plan. Mr. Mike Schnelker, history teacher, said "I think he (Dr. Fowler-Finn) has some very good ideas."

Mrs. Susan Boesch, English teacher, said "At this point, I'm very optimistic."

Juniors Learn First Hand About Government At Hoosier Boys and Girls State This Summer

JAMIE FORD
News Reporter

This summer eight juniors will be attending Hoosier Boys and Girls State at Indiana State University.

These students are Katy Jordan, Julie Regedanz, Sara Biggs, Jessica Page, Jonathan Flickinger, Chris Houck, Wes Sweigert, and Phil Hawking.

Hoosier Girls State is a week long program designed to educate young women about the duties, privileges, rights, and responsibilities of citizenship.

The program holds a mock

election where each student files and runs for an elective office.

Julie Regedanz, junior, was chosen as a delegate for Girl's State. "My sister took part in this program and she had a lot of fun. I really want to have this experience, too."

Hoosier Boys State is also a week long program. It provides young men with a first hand insight into the rights and responsibilities of a citizen under the United States government.

This program teaches the students the basic fundamentals, structure, and operation of government. The program will begin at a city level and branch out to a state level.

Jonathan Flickinger, junior,

was chosen as a delegate for Boy's State. "Before Mrs. Klocke pulled me aside to talk to me about it [Boy's State], I had no idea what it was. I think it will be a great experience for me."

Laura Helmke, senior, went to Girl's State last year. "It [Girl's State] is a lot of fun and it's a good experience. I met new people and learned more about the government. My favorite part was meeting all the people."

Jana Farrell, senior, also attended Girl's State. "I think it's a great chance to learn first hand government and a wonderful opportunity to become closely bonded with 32 other

girls."

Students were selected by junior class teachers who nominated them. The eight students with the most nominations were selected as either delegates or alternates.

Mrs. Dolores Klocke, guidance counselor, said, "I think this is a good experience for three reasons. One, it is a wonderful opportunity to experience government in action. Two, it gives outstanding students a chance to experience a college campus and three, it gives students time to meet new people."

Hoosier Girl's State will be held June 18 through 24. Hoosier Boy's State will be held June 10 through 17.

Tragedy prompts goodness Democratic schools a good idea, long overdue

LLOYD THOMPSON
GUEST COLUMNIST

Average Joe got up in the morning, grabbed a thermos of coffee, and walked out. He drove to work, got in an argument with a cab driver, and walked into work tired and disgruntled. He was ready to begin his confusing government work, like he did every day, but before he could he was blown sky high, officially classifying the day as not normal. This happened not just to one Average Joe, but thousands of Average Joes, and Jane counterparts. In Oklahoma City on Wednesday over 1200 pounds of explosives in a parked car outside of a government building exploded, taking out a gargantuan chunk of the north side of the building, killing 18, at least six of them children. The blast was felt over 30 miles away.

Who did this? An anonymous caller blamed it on Islamic terrorists. Others pointed out that the explosion happened exactly two years after the fall of the religious extremists in Waco, Texas. Whoever did it is beside the point. They are scum, and everybody knows that. They have no regard for human life, and everybody knows that. It's quite a shame that people think they need to use violence to get across their beliefs. Everybody realizes these things, and it kind of makes them wonder what the world has come to, that they can be having a perfectly normal day then all of a sudden, a second later their child, spouse, or parent is dead or severely crippled.

This bombing is quite a shock to most people, but it also brings out the best in them. The blood banks in the surrounding areas were flooded with donors, to the point where the blood banks were turning away donors, telling them to come back later. When a disaster like this happens, people see that things must change and they must be part of that change. People now see the need to pitch in and lend a hand. It's a well quoted axiom that 'one person cannot make a difference,' so the community ends up coming together and makes a difference. The bad side of a disaster, far outweighs the good, but it still really good to see working together and helping out, trying to undo the terrible destruction.

RON FLICKINGER
AND
ARDUA HARRIS

There's a long overdue breath of fresh air in the Fort Wayne Community Schools.

Dr. Thomas Fowler-Finn, the new superintendent of the schools, presented a new administrative structure for the school system that seems to be a very positive first step in putting educational decision-making where it belongs—in the hands of parents, students, teachers, and administrators.

For too long, American schools in general, and Fort Wayne Community Schools in particular, have stated publicly that they are busily preparing students for entrance into a democratic society, yet have been structured in a dictatorship-like fashion.

Those people on the front lines of learning—parents, teachers, and students—have traditionally had little or no say in major policy decisions that directly affect them.

How many students and teachers are actually in on decision-making boards that determine core school policy?

At North Side, we have been fortunate that the principal, Dr. Gardner, has instituted several opportunities for in-put from staff and students.

With the controversy over the closing of lunch at North Side, Dr. Gardner spent a lot of time interviewing individual students as well as going into classrooms to get a true "feel"

of student attitudes. His decision to keep the lunch mods open reflected those attitudes.

In his response to the state ordered study of the school called PBA, he put all staff on various committees to explore and recommend changes to the way school is done at North Side.

But even so, the question remains, "Just how much **POWER** do these faculty committees have to make major changes they deem necessary?" As we listen to Dr. Fowler-Finn, he seems to be saying that he is looking toward a future that actually gives some of that power to committees such as these.

However, it seems to these writers, that students, both in the larger Fort Wayne Community, and particularly at North Side have had NO consistent say in new policies that directly effect their daily lives at school.

The new tardy policy is a good example. To our knowledge, only one student had an opportunity to give in-put, and this policy was probably the most drastic behavioral thing done to students all year. This is merely playing lip-service to student thoughts and feelings.

How can one student represent the 1700 diverse people at North Side?

We have inquired about the effectiveness of this policy and as of yet, have received no clear indication of either its effectiveness in combatting the alleged problem of school attendance or of having a positive influence on the education of North Side students.

Perhaps the attendance of-

fice would consider communicating with the *Northerner* about this matter.

In terms of what is taught to students in the classroom, lip-service isn't even given. How many times have students sat in a class and wondered what's the point of whatever it is that is being taught and have no way of really asking (dare we say confronting) the teacher to justify the assignment?

Of course, under the dictatorial structure of the public schools, the teachers seem to be in the same boat as their students. How many teachers are actually given the opportunity to develop curriculum they deem important for students? Do teachers even have a say on how much time should be spent in their particular areas?

It would seem that the powers that be dictate to staff who then dictate to students. Where is the democracy in any of that?

As we talk to former North Side students, we find that most teachers use almost exactly the same material year after year—someone must be dictating what has to be presented.

Why aren't teachers, educated people, given the freedom to communicate their knowledge with materials they develop and design?

We support Dr. Fowler-Finn's initiative in putting power in the schools.

It is our hope that he stays in Fort Wayne long enough to bring his vision for schools to its fullest potential—that being all the players in the game of education be given the basic respect that should be given to all humans in a democratic society. It's definitely long overdue.

Off the Record...

"What do you plan to do with your data-match results?"



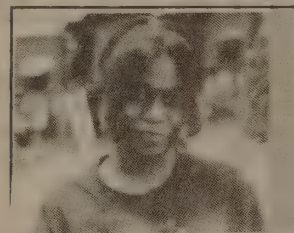
Travis Weaver, senior

"I think I might find my prom date, but Julie was number one on mine. The whole thing was rigged."



Shad Turner, junior

"I plan on burning it in my fireplace."



Bonita Gorman, sophomore

"It depends on who the person is that's in it."



Preonda Graham, freshman

"It depends on the person. Besides, I already have a man."



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Imported *Tank Girl* may actually have been deported

LUCAS PERKINS
Features Reporter

A movement is sweeping across the Outback of pop culture with only a small but faithful cache of followers.

Tank Girl, a British comic book starring the self-titled riot grrrl has been introduced in the U.S. in the form of a movie, having been popular (and promptly very unpopular) in the U.K. since the late '80s.

The movie is not Tank Girl's first appearance in the U.S. though, for in 1993 Dark Horse Comics reprinted some of her early British appearances, from the comic anthology *Deadline Magazine*, as a 4-issue limited series.

An experiment, Tank Girl soon became popular in underground cult circles, but there became enough followers to warrant a reprinting as a 120-page trade paperback.

This was followed up by another series, *Tank Girl 2*, in 1994 that reprinted the remaining stories that had not been included in the first series, which was collected in March, just in time for the release of the movie.

After what the creators, artist Jamie Hewlett and writer Alan Martin, call an "inevitable backlash" of anti-Tank Girl feeling in the U.K., Hollywood came a calling on the once popular duo. "We were overcome and then asked to come over," they said, in an autobiographical portion of Tank Girl.

The movie idea was then in motion, and the U.S. pruning of the comics seemed a logical idea.

A week before the release of the movie, DC/Vertigo Comics published an adaptation of the movie in comic form by artist Andy Pritchett and veteran comics writer Peter Milligan, a fellow Englishman and long time friend and collaborator of Jamie Hewlett.

Now, with popularity spreading, DC/Vertigo is publishing the first originally U.S. printed Tank Girl story as a 4-issue limited series by Hewlett and Milligan entitled *Tank Girl: The Odyssey*.

The nature of the "English" Tank Girl and the "American" Tank Girl is quite different, partly owing to the form in which comics are pub-

lished in the U.K. In the U.S., comics are published as 20 to 30 page issues, graphic novels of varying length, or as short stories published in anthologies. In the U.K., the only form available is anthological, making for comics no longer than about ten pages in length, thereby almost eliminating the idea of complete stories in one sitting.

This system is also run by publishers hoping to make money and keep finicky fans happy, so when a comic does appear, it must make it's impression quick and hard. From this, we get short, pointed, stories meant to instantly suck in readers and spit them out within a matter of a few pages, hardly allowing for any sort of character development, or plot for that matter.

But also from this system, we get stories so outrageous and shocking as to make the average American gape. This is where Tank Girl has it's roots.

Each issue of the Dark Horse 30 page reprints is actually four or five Tank Girl stories, sometimes connected and sometimes not, although even those meant to be can rarely be read coherently.

The first Dark Horse series, or the first couple of years of U.K. publication, takes place in the Australian Outback in the near future, where

Tank Girl roams as a sometimes bounty hunter and always tank pilot soldier for the Australian government, a job she is promptly fired from when she is heralded as the cause of President Paul Hoogan's embarrassing and untimely bowl movement on live television.

This is the setting for what becomes much more than a hunt for Tank Girl by many a government official and private bounty hunter.

Along the trail, she hooks up with a mutant kangaroo boyfriend named Booga, whom she cons into being a heavy-weight boxer, and also pals Jet Girl and Sub Girl, with whom

she tries to hijack a beer shipment because the government is hoarding all the quality beer for itself and allowing only the bottom of the barrel to be released to the public.

Keep in mind, there are unrelated stories placed throughout all this, seemingly at the whim of the creators.

The second Dark Horse series *Tank Girl 2*, or the second couple of years of U.K. publication, goes off the beaten path even farther to include short interludes of apparently no particular setting or time period having only the main characters in common.

"Whoever that was, he woz dead the moment he set eyes on me," said Tank Girl in the first Dark Horse series.

We visit Tank Girl's grandparents in England and find the Fountain of Youth there populated by Hewlett and Martin, the storytellers. We see Booga as a '70s cop show star looking for the magic blue-jeans that make you "trip out" into a land of peace and love. There is even a point at which Tank Girl and Booga hook up with Jack Kerouac and take a beatnik ride to Jellystone National Park, that is, until Jack kicks Tank Girl out for being too violent and killing too many people.

The second series also becomes much more vulgar and less restricted in both it's language and imagery, possibly either the cause of the comic's falling popularity, or perhaps the effect.

The movie starring Lori Petty and Ice-T with a soundtrack put together by Courtney Love is the first attempt to create any lasting plot concerning Tank Girl. Art by Hewlett and Pritchett is taken from the comics and used in the movies to retain a comic book feel, and the special effects are outrageous, but the wandering anthological format of the comic is not

quite adaptable since all productions from Hollywood that hope to make any money must have a recognizable story.

Tank Girl purists may oppose this, but it does make for a more comprehensible story.

The movie, and consequently the DC/Vertigo adaptation, is loosely based on ideas taken from the comic, but not in such a way that the two do not make sense together. Telling the origin of Tank Girl and her friends, the movie could very well take place before the comic.

The new series *Tank Girl: The Odyssey* will take place after the latest stories from the original comic, but it is yet to be revealed how much like the original it will be. It is the first Tank Girl comic to be made for American audiences, but Jamie Hewlett, the original creator, is involved, so as longtime readers may be accustomed to, no one knows what to expect. The comics are in large demand and in short supply, but some finer comic shops may have them available for order if not on the shelves, and the movie is now playing at Regal Cinemas: Holiday 8.



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■ Sprint to the end



SENIOR PETE THIEL sprints his part of a relay during the North Side relays Saturday. Photo by Alyssa Schroder

Baseball looking for winning ways

DEREK RITTENHOUSE
Sports Reporter

The baseball team is still trying to get on the winning track as they have played six games and are 2-3-1. On Monday they played at New Haven and were chewed up by the Bulldogs 8-0. The Redskins were able to get seven hits, but they could not score any runs.

"There were some bad defensive plays. They (New Haven) only had three hits, but then on the flip side we walked them ten times. It's hard to win games like that," said baseball coach Bruce Miller.

"Obviously you can't win games if you don't score any runs, but in the New Haven game we made some bad defensive plays that we shouldn't have made," said senior Brendon Thomason.

"Our defense needs to work a little harder. We do things right in practice but then in the games we are lax and azeical," said senior Jake Garringer.

Though the Redskins are struggling early on in the season, Coach Miller is not disappointed about the team's performance thus far.

"The good news is that of the six games that we have played we have been in the game five of those

We have definitely been in control of those five games, but we couldn't get the last out of the game," said coach Miller.

Getting the last out has been a thorn in the Redskins' side during their first six games. During a game against Norwell, the Redskins were on the verge of winning when Norwell loaded the bases and then the next batter cranked a home run. Those situations are what Coach Miller is trying to work on.

"It is good experience for your team to have those pressure situations, but it doesn't help your record at all. We need these situations when we start the SAC," said Miller.

According to Coach Miller the pitching is steadily improving.

"I was a little skeptical about the pitching at first, but every game we are improving. In the New Haven game you can't expect to walk ten

guys and come out with a win, but other than that the pitchers are throwing a lot of strikes and are getting the ball in play."

"The pitchers and the defense are still coming along, all they need is a little more work," said Garringer.

Another very important aspect to the Redskins game is their hitting.

"There have been several games where we have hit the ball really well. For instance in the New Haven game we hit the ball better than they did and still lost," said coach Miller.

"The hitting is coming along great. We have had some games where we have had ten or 11 hits. Hoj Hope that will continue throughout the Garringer said.

Tomorrow morning the Redskins will play a double-header against Carroll starting at 11:00.

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Tennis stroking way to great season

CHRISTY MILLS
Sports Reporter

third set and the match, which honored them with the blue ribbon.

Danielle said they don't have any weak points because "we have a very experienced team, and we know what to expect from the other teams because we have competed against them in the past."

Other members who placed in the Invitational were Holly, who placed third, Robin placed fourth, and April placed fifth. Jill and Linnea took over third place for number one doubles and Danielle and Andrea placed first for number two doubles.

A new season brings on new goals for the team.

Holly said her goal for the season is "for all to play our best and to make it to sectionals like we have in the past three years."

Danielle said her goal for the team is to win sectionals and advance like any other team. She has high hopes for the team since they are favored to win SAC.

Her goals for her and Andrea are to be recognized in the conference.

On Monday the team lost to Snider 3-2, but both doubles teams won. On Tuesday the girl's beat DeKalb 4-1. The girls' next match is Monday at 4 p.m. against Northrop at Northside Park.



RICH BROWN, SENIOR, gets ready as junior Pete Junk pitches the ball at a game at Northside Park. Photo by Chrissy Francies

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■ Congratulations National Honor Society Members



Members of the Honor Society accept awards at the annual reception.
Photo by Alyssa Schroeder.

Grade 9: Amanda Geiger. **Grade 10:** Gabriel Downs, Stephanie Goes, John Minnich, John Shingledecker, Tasha White, Jessica Zimmerman. **Grade 11:** Sara Biggs, Kenneth Chlebek, Jonathon Flickinger, Timothy Frank, Sara Herstad, Kathleen Jordan, Michael King, Marcella Lomont, Jessica Page, Chante Singleton, Ryan Voors. **Grade 12:** Abigail Butler, Matthew Carboni, Jason Chapman, Brad Ferrier, Kelly Francher, Amanda Gilliland, Rachelle Grismore, Ardua Harris, Linnea Hatch, Laura Helmke, Cheryl Helton, Jason Hemsoth, Jennifer Koehlinger, Kim Lamb, Samantha Lauer, Paul McComas, Jason Mears, Benjamin Meyer, Renee Myers, Shonda Newsome, Jeffery Niswonger, Mary Pink, Jamie Pittner, Alex Raftree, Brandon Rentfrow, Erin Riley, Travis Roth, Alissa Schultz, Jessica Shipley, Bree Snyder, Amy Stein, Christopher Straub, Brendan Thomason, Darcy Towsley, Tuan Tran, Samantha Walker, Joseph Watts, Michel Weaver, Amy Witzigreuter.

Newsline

• **Attention seniors:** Mr. Muncy will be here today to hand out orders. Graduation bills must be paid in full before you can receive your order.

• **Eight sophomore girls** are needed to help serve refreshments at the prom, at the Coliseum on May 13. Any interested girls should see Mrs. Blemker in the Foreign Language Department.

• **Just a reminder** that the deadline for the summer Driver Education enrollment is Friday, May 12.

• **Applications for the 1995-96 school year** are due today in the assistant principals' office. Applications for class representative applications are due May 5.

• **Congratulations to A Cappella Choir** who received a superior rating at the ISSMA Organizational Contest. They received a first from all three judges.

• **Last Saturday**, the North Side Concert Band competed in the ISSMA Concert Contest. The band was awarded a first division rating for the seventh year in a row.

• **Congratulations to all** of the dance classes for their performances at Variety Competitions last Sunday. Fourth place production tap- Dance 1&2; Third place production tap- Dance 7&8; Second place production tap- Dance Independent Study; First place production tap- Dance 7&8. Dance 7&8 also won second place high points for their tap, "Love Bug." Dance Independent Study won North's first- First place trophy in ballet for "Red Shoe Requiem." Second place Large Group Novelty- Dance 7&8, "Can-Can;" Second place Duet Tap- Chelle Haner and Amy Stein.

King, Tearman To Travel To Japan

ERIN MCATEE
News Editor

Two North Side students were selected from a group of eight to travel to Japan this summer.

Juniors Michael King and Jason Tearman were chosen to represent North Side and Fort Wayne for three weeks, as they attend school in Japan.

The applications were re-

viewed by Mrs. Delores Klocke and Mr. Don Evans. The ones that were chosen from North were then sent on to a city committee. Snider, North Side, Bishop Luers, and Elmhurst are the schools that are eligible to send applications, due to the fact that each of these schools have a sister city in Japan.

The Koshimae Foundation provides student the chance to study abroad with virtually no cost to them.

Due to the prices of the trip, only four students are able to go this year as apposed to the five that normally go.

North Side was lucky enough to be able to send two students, leaving Elmhurst without a representative, instead of one like the other schools.

Once in Japan, the students will be living with host families. They will be attending Japanese schools six days a week. In their spare time they

will be with their host families or with the other members of the group.

"While I'm over there, I hope to spend some time with Mike because we both know about the same amount of Japanese, and the other students don't know any Japanese" said Tearman.

Mike is looking forward to riding the bullet train. "We will be riding it sometime during our trip, it goes 175mph."

Towsley Selected '94 Sertoma Award Winner

JAMIE FORD
News Reporter

Darcy Towsley, senior, was selected as the Sertoma Award winner for her athletic standings, grades and citizenship.

The Sertoma Award, sponsored by the downtown Sertoma Club, is given to one outstanding graduating student in athletics from each high school.

Senior Social Studies classes vote for the student whom they think will be the best representative of North Side.

Although scholastic and athletic standings are two of the main criteria for the winner, the Sertoma Club also looks at citizenship, extracurricular activities, sportsmanship,

and character as a few more deciding factors.

Being third in her graduating class of 315, holding an 11.26 grade point average, and being in sports, Darcy says, "I think sports has helped me with my grades because it makes me more efficient with time management."

Darcy has been involved in Marching band, Student Council, Outdoor Science Club, and a reporter for the athletic newsletter each for one year. She has also been involved in both track and cross country for four years.

In track, Darcy was distance captain (1994), senior captain (1995), and won the Attitude Award in 1992 and 1994. In cross country, she was captain for two years, All Conference (1992), Academic All-State (1994),

and advanced to Regionals as an individual in 1992. Darcy won the Attitude Award in cross country in 1992-1994, the MVP award in 1994, Most Valuable Freshman Award, and the Hudson Booster Invitational Senior Award.

And besides all of her awards in track and cross country, Darcy has also won many academic honors. These include: Student Rotarian of the Month, National Honors Society for three years, Highest Honor Roll for four years, the Thomas Chemistry Award for the 1992-1993 school year, Kappa Kappa Kappa Award for Scholastic Excellence (1992-1993), Top second and third year French student, Purdue Junior Scholar in Foreign Language, National Merit Science Award winner, Sterling Sentinel Nominee in Science, and a National Merit Schol-

arship Finalist.

Next fall, Darcy plans to study Marine Biology at the University of Miami in Florida.

She received a scholarship as a National Merit Finalist and the University of Miami has offered her a scholarship for half of her tuition for every year she attends.

"I chose Marine Biology when I got my scuba diving certification because it sounded interesting. I'm really excited and I can't wait," Darcy said.

She currently takes a scuba diving class and went to the Florida Keys during spring break to take a class in Marine Biology at Goshen High School in the Keys.

Darcy, along with all the other Sertoma Award winners, will be recognized at a banquet on May 1.

Wanted: The choice to throw

DANIELLE ENGLISH
AND
ARDUA HARRIS

Picture this: 1994 graduation, in the heat of the moment, a dozen seniors threw their caps up in a moment of excitement. The students were warned, but they took the warnings as idle threats. Their parents had to come in to get their records released for college.

The next day at school, administrators poured over the graduation ceremony tapes to look for these dastardly culprits who had the audacity to express joy at their own ceremony.

Isn't it ironic that these students just released into the "real" world had to have their parents come in for an incident that seems laughable to most and was done with no intentional malice?

Most of the former graduates we've talked to say that it was not planned and was something that they did in the heat of the moment as a way of expressing their jubilation of finally getting out of high school.

When Dr. Gardner was asked about why students aren't allowed to throw their hats up at graduation, if the seniors as a whole wanted to, he replied, "Graduation is supposed to be a dignified ceremony."

Why dignified? Shouldn't graduation be what the students want it to be? After four years of being told what to do and when to do it, we should have a choice. It's fine if a vote was taken and the senior class decided that they didn't want this, but the choice should be ours. Because, after all, it is our graduation.

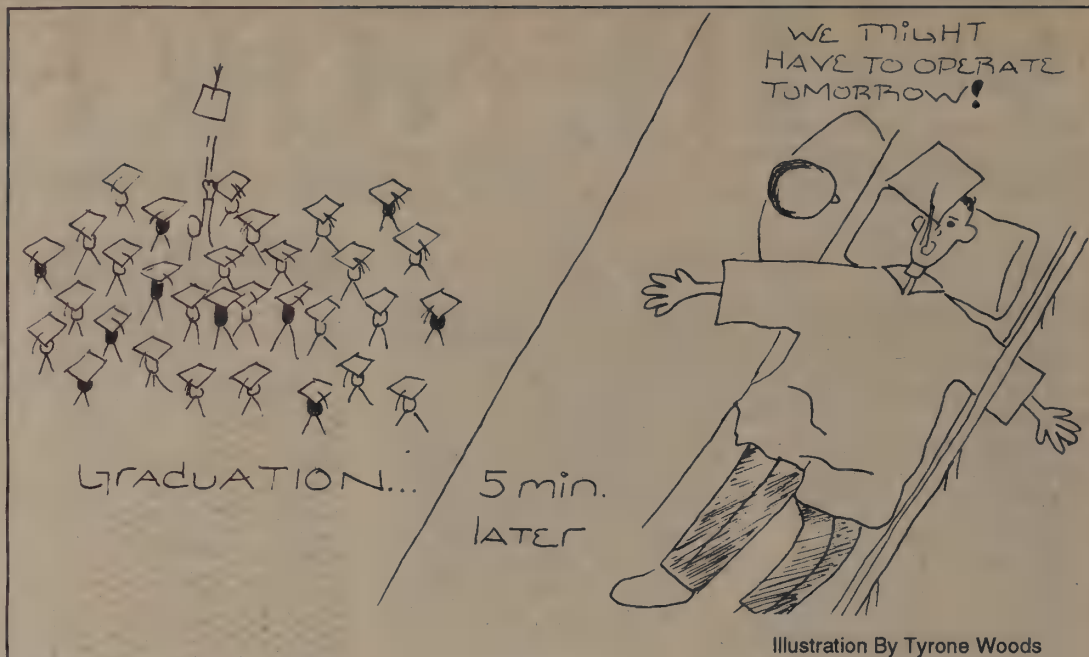
But according to Dr. Gardner, it is not the students' graduation. "It's North Side's graduation for the students," he said. He said it would be like telling your parents what to get you for graduation. Most students ask, don't tell, their parents what to get them as a graduation present.

Dr. Gardner said another reason students aren't allowed to throw their hats up is for fear of physical injury and liability for the school. Everyone knows the story of the anonymous boy (at some other school) who looked up as hats were being thrown and got his eye stabbed with the corner of a hat. Now he's blind in one eye. But the chances of something like that happening again, especially if it's planned, are slim to none.

We're not saying that we want total anarchy or a total chaos, we just want the opportunity to express our emotions after the ceremony in this way if we so choose.

Throwing hats up at graduation isn't a big deal. It only becomes one when administrators make it one.

If there is anyone out there who wants to have the opportunity to throw their caps, in pure joy, after they graduate, make it happen. Go see Dr. Gardner and tell him how you feel. Present your side. Without you doing so things will go on remaining the same. It is only tradition to not throw caps because no one has ever challenged the tradition. Here's the challenge. Hats off to you. Talk to the administration to make the change.



Internet not only good, but good for people

LUCAS PERKINS
Features Reporter

I am a recent convert to the world of cyberspace. I am now "online", and it is a wild ride.

For the uninitiated, cyberspace, collectively referred to as "the internet", or dubbed by some as the "information superhighway", is an information exchange area that can only be reached from a computer by use of a modem, a device that translates computer commands on to phone lines.

Three major companies give access to cyberspace; Prodigy, Compuserve, and America OnLine. I am a member of the one of these, and the most applicable adjective I can think of is "addicting".

I started off with a disk that signed me on with a free ten hours so I could learn a little about what the service was about before I began paying the \$2.95 per hour fee that it charges.

The things available, with this service service at least, are so varied that I couldn't possibly name them all

because I have yet to explore even a tenth of the possibilities.

From what I can, tell, the "highway" can be divided up into two main categories; direct conversation with other people online, and the leaving of or taking of hard material such as notes, articles, and other sorts of information.

It is the former that I concern myself with right now.

When speaking live to other people all assumptions, prejudices, and stereotypes are washed away because the only impressions you have of the people you are talking to are based on what they say. Not on what they look like; not on how old they are; not even on their sex, although that can sometimes be determined by their screen name, but not always.

I've made friends that, were I to see them in public, I would never think to have anything in common with or any admiration for.

A now communicate on a regular basis with people who's ages range from 13 to 50, many of whom I am unaware of their age, nor do they

know how old I am. But, that is secondary. It really doesn't seem to matter to any of us.

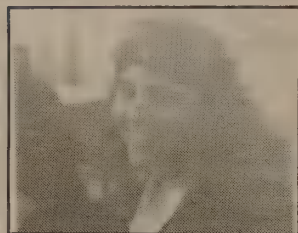
One of the greatest people I know, in the world, I know only as Barb, who is in her late thirties and lives in Atlanta, Georgia. Her age, which I may not be completely accurate about, I know only because she allowed that information to be known. She doesn't know how old I am, what I look like, or anything beyond what I tell her, and in this mystery - this lack of knowledge, there is a friendship that would have otherwise not been possible. In cyberspace, one is able to say what they really think or feel without fear of being dismissed as a young twerp, an old fogey, "just like a woman", or "just like a man".

With this new form of communication many things have been said of the advances that will now be able to be made if terms of knowledge. But more important are the advances that can be made in people; in society.

The internet.
It's a good thing people.
It's a good thing for people.

Off the Record...

"Should seniors be able to throw their caps at the end of the ceremony?"



Heather Henry, freshman
"Yes, they buy them, so what's the problem?"



Mandy Ryan, sophomore
"Yes, I don't think anyone will want to wear them again anyways."



Wes Sweigert, junior
"No, you could poke someone's eye out."



Cory Roberts, senior
"Yes, I've worked hard for a long time for that moment and it's not disrespectfuling anyone."



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Student shares his battle with depression

CHRIS ROWAN
Features Reporter

Depression is a real problem that affects everyone. It is natural to feel down every once in a while.

The National Institute of Mental Health estimates that as many as 1.5 million people under 18 suffer from depression.

"I'm stuck in a hole. It's very confusing," said a young man who would like to go unknown. He would like to be called Damien.

Damien has a problem called bi-polar depression or manic depression.

Bi-polar depression is a disease that affects the brain. It upsets the balance of the brain's chemical makeup. This makes the person flip between periods of extreme highs and extreme lows.

"I feel as though I lead two lives. One is extremely happy. The

other is extremely depressed," said Damien.

Bi-polar depression is different from other depressions in that it is a chemical problem. It is not caused from some psychological problem.

The only cure is a group of lithium drugs that attempts to re-balance the chemical store.

This treatment only works part of the time and often leaves the person in a "drugged" state. This can often lead to more serious problems.

About 10,000 suicide attempts are reported each year. But thousands more go unreported.

Many of these attempts are made by bi-polar depressive teenagers.

Reports show that more females attempt the act, but more males succeed. When Damien was asked about this subject, a painful glaze covered his eyes. "Yes, I swallowed 17 Tylenol once. I'm allergic to them.

One is enough to make me

sick. Three is enough to kill me. I became violently ill. To this day mom thinks it was the flu," Damien said.



said.

Damien said that he didn't think of the attempt as a definite final end. He said, "It was more like a logi-

cal step to end the pain. I thought it would kill the disease but not me."

This is the problem with most teens that attempt suicide. Many say they never thought of how final death is.

The only thing on their minds at the time is an end to the pain, many say.

Some teens make attempts on taking their lives simply to gain attention. They use their suicide attempt as a cry for help.

Mr. Ron Flickinger, guidance counselor, said he wants teens to know that depression is not just a teen problem and that they are not alone.

He would like for any student who thinks they are suffering from depression to go to their family doctor.

There are also other places to seek help against depression. Out-patient programs are available at Lindenvue, Park Center and the free clinic at IPFW.

Are you depressed?

You could be if any of these symptoms stay with you for more than two weeks:

- persistent sad or empty mood
- loss of interest in activities you used to enjoy
- feeling tired all the time
- sleeping too much or having insomnia
- weight gain or loss of appetite
- difficulty concentrating, remembering, and making decisions
- feelings of guilt or helplessness
- thoughts of death or suicide
- irritability
- crying
- aches and pains that don't respond to treatment

Source: April, 1995 issue of *Seventeen*

Bombing brings reality close to home, changes attitudes

AARON MARTZ
Features Reporter

America was shocked Wednesday when reports of a bombing in a federal building occurred.

Because of the recent bombing in Oklahoma City, fears of similar situations in Indiana have surfaced.

"Due to the fact that there was a bombing in Oklahoma City just the other day makes me realize that it is possible, that it could happen here in Fort Wayne," said Ian Crace, senior. "However, I'm not afraid of it."

"People cannot have happy lives if they live in fear,"

Ian Crace, senior

Doubts as to a bombing in Fort Wayne actually happening are high.

"I'm not afraid of terrorism because (terrorists) don't care about Hoosiers," said Sophomore Andy Bosk.

"In my opinion, terrorists trying to spread fear in the hearts of important people would not consider victimizing Hoosiers," he said.

Beyond inflicting fear into students the bombing did not seem to

change anything permanently.

"It hasn't really changed anything because there's nothing real important here to bomb, except for my house," said Sophomore Thang Tran.

Although the bombers have been identified, terrorism can strike at any time and anywhere.

"People cannot have happy lives if they live in fear," said Ian Crace. "Besides, I have enough troubles on my mind," he said.

Rescuers continue to rake

through the rubble for bodies and survivors.

The bomb was caused by a truck filled with about 4,800 pounds of explosives.

One man, by the name of Timothy McVeigh, is a possible suspect in the crime.

At the time of publication, the death toll has risen to 96 with several more missing and unaccounted for.

It can happen anywhere, EVEN IN OKLAHOMA

-96 people are dead

-Bomb estimated to have weighed 4,800 pounds

-Timothy McVeigh is being held as a suspect.

-Two brothers, Terry Lynn and James Nichols, have been charged with conspiring with McVeigh in building explosives at their farm in Michigan.

Source: April 26 issue of *The Journal Gazette*

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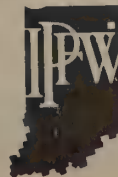
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IT'S A SMART CHOICE!



Team vacuums Panthers

CHRISTY MILLS
Sports Reporter

The Redskins' softball team defeated Snider last Monday 8-6, advancing their record to 3-4.

Leslie Shaffer, sophomore catcher, said, "We played great. Our defense was on fire. We were like little vacuums out there because we didn't let anything get passed us."

Leslie hit two for three and gained two RBI's. Angie Stinson, senior pitcher, pitched the whole game and Jenny Powell, senior, "played her best game of the season," said Coach John Miller.

Other strong points of the game was their hitting and defense.

"Our hitting has improved a lot," said Jana Farrell, senior. She explained the team has gone from three batters in an inning to six which means they are focusing more.

Katy Jordan, junior, said that one major improvement of the game was the decision making.

She said, "We made better decisions as to when to throw the ball and when to hold on to it. This makes a big difference in the other teams' chances in being able to advance runners."

Leslie said they need to work on being more aggressive at the plate. "We had many people stand at the plate and watch the ball go by," she said.

Coach Miller said, "The in-

field played a good game. They had their first double-play of the season." This is the second year in a row that the team has beaten Snider.

Angie Sarrazin, sophomore, said her goal for the next game is to keep improving the little things such as hitting, defense, base running and other mental things. "Those are the basic things we can always improve," Angie said.

Katy's goal is for everyone to communicate better in order to avoid accidents in the field.

She said, "Without clear communication, there is room for a lot of mistakes, not to mention the fact that people can get hurt."

Coach Miller wants to improve on all things such as keeping throws low, backing each other up, and decision making. He said that to improve all of these little things will take a lot of practice.

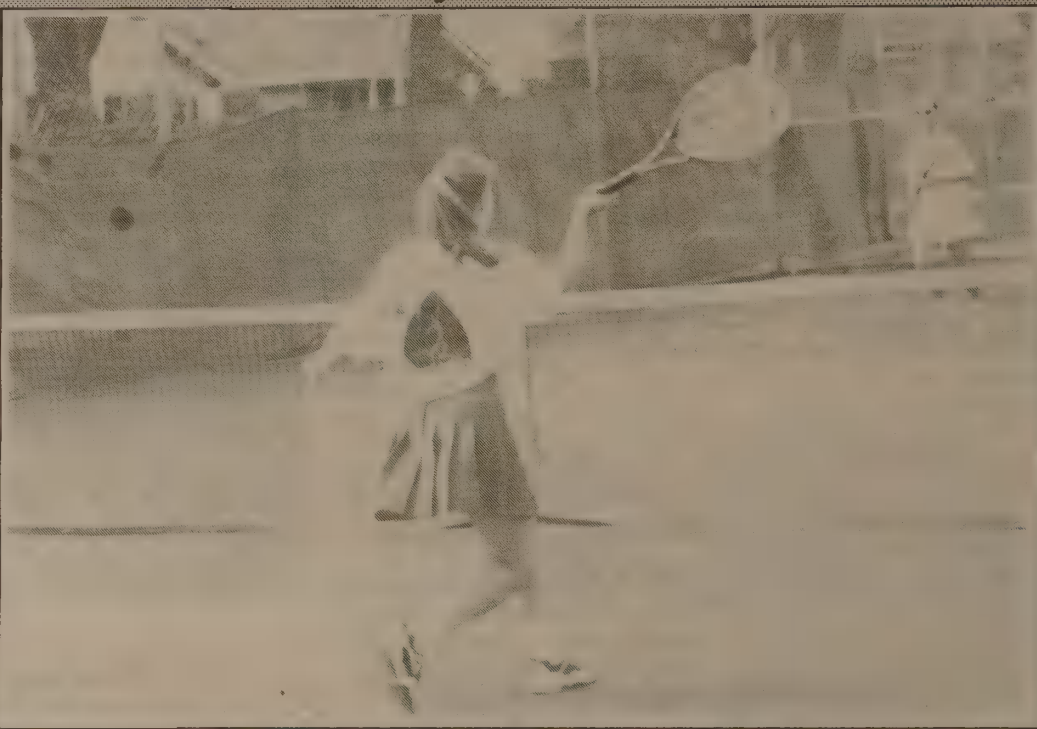
The team has a special quality that they all share, the ability to keep their heads up.

Katy said, "When the other teams have big innings and score a lot of runs, we don't get down. We keep our heads up and always stay in the game, which is a good thing to do. Everyone keeps a positive attitude and it really does make a difference."

Leslie said, "We have the ability to concentrate during tough situations, such as bases loaded."

The team plays Northrop Monday at 4:15.

■ Volleys Away



LINEA HATCH, SENIOR, warms up with her Bruin opponent last Monday during a match. The team won the match 4-1. The team is 3-1 in the SAC. Their record is 5-1 Photo by Alyssa Schroeder.

Brooks wins Gooden; chooses Wright State

DEREK RITTENHOUSE
Sports Reporter

In about a weeks time span, senior Keion Brooks won a highly acclaimed award, got accepted to a Division 1 basketball school and helped lead Team Indiana to a victory over Team Ohio in the Nancy Rehm All-Star game.

Brooks was honored with the prestigious Gooden Award that is presented annually to the top basketball player in the SAC.

The award is named after the Snider star Tiffany Gooden. Brooks was humbled and stunned when he accepted the award at the SAC banquet.

He couldn't think of the words to say but he did manage to tell the audience, "I didn't think I would be the one to win it. There are a lot of great athletes in this league," said Brooks.

Brooks also signed a letter of intent to play Division 1 basketball at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio.

"Their (Wright State) style of

play is like North's, that's one of the reasons I chose Wright State, plus it is pretty close to home," said Keion.

During the tournament there were many unanswered questions about where Keion would be going. Other schools that were looking to recruit Keion were Northern Illinois, Duquesne University, and Indiana State. It won't be all basketball at Wright State for Keion. He plans on majoring in either Pre-Med or Business Management.

"I'm mostly excited, but a little nervous to, that comes with any level you play at though, whether it's Division 1 or not," said Brooks.

Basketball coach Glen Heaton played a small but significant role in the college Brooks decided to attend.

"Keion had everything pretty much under control. As a coach you try to give the schools all the information they need to make an evaluation. That's what we did. We talked with them and sent tapes to them and obviously they came to watch him play. After that it was a pretty easy decision, they wanted him and they were very happy to have him in their program," said basketball coach Glen Heaton.

If all that wasn't enough, Brooks, along with teammates Clifton Dickerson, Corey Roberts, and Ty Winn played in the Nancy Rehm All-Star game.

Team Indiana won 122-105 with the help of Brooks 15 points and 5 assists as well as Winn's 15 points. Roberts finished with 6 points and Dickerson had 1 point.

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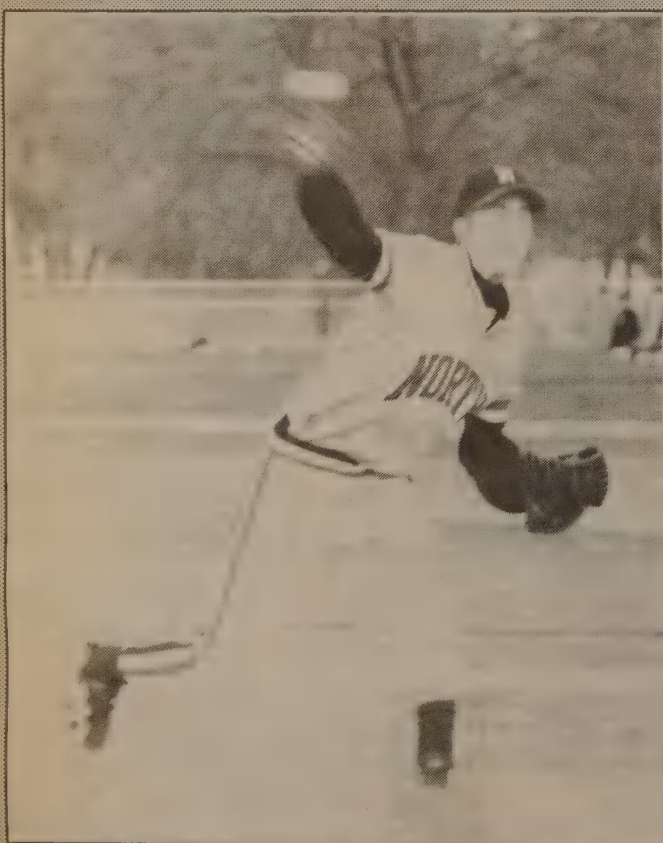
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■ Strike!



JASON REDWANSKI, SENIOR, throws a pitch Monday at Northside Park. The boys' baseball team beat South Side 9-5. Photo by Alyssa Schroeder.



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Redskins help fight Cancer with 'Relay For Life'

JAMIE FORD
News Reporter

Relay for Life, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, is scheduled on Friday, June 2 and Saturday, June 3 at North Side.

Relay for Life is a 24-hour walk/run event that will raise funds for the American Cancer Society to benefit cancer research. This is the first time a fundraiser like this has been brought to Fort Wayne.

Anyone can get involved with a team of eight to 12 people. There is a \$100 entry fee per team and each member of the team is encouraged to collect at least \$100 in pledges. Prizes will be awarded for fundraising and all of the money collected will go toward cancer research.

"I decided to take part in this

event because one of my friends was involved with a benefit like this somewhere else. I am a co-chair of the event and I thought it would be a good idea to bring the idea to Student Council. They loved the idea and are really excited," Mrs. Laura Taliaferro, assistant principal, said.

To get involved, contact Mrs. Laura

Seven Signs of Cancer

- Change in bowel or bladder habits
- A sore that does not heal
- Unusual bleeding or discharge
- Thickening or lump in breast or elsewhere
- Indigestion or difficulty in swallowing
- Obvious change in wart or mole

Taliaferro in the assistant principal's office some time today. The fee for the team needs to be turned into Mrs. Taliaferro by May 17.

For those who aren't sure how to collect the

money that is needed, here is a chart to follow: Day 1-put in your own \$20, Day 2-ask a relative for \$20, Day 3-place a canister at a convenient place at your work or your parents' work, Day 4-ask a co-worker for \$20, Day 5-ask a friend for \$20, Day 6-ask another relative for \$20, Day 7-ask a neighbor for \$20, Day 8-ask two people at church or school to donate \$10 each, Day 9-ask another friend for \$20, Day 10-ask another relative for \$20. By the end of the ten days, you should have \$200.

If anyone wants to be involved, but doesn't want to walk, there are many volunteer opportunities available. Mrs. Taliaferro needs people to work at the different activities and participate in them too.

There will be continuous activities from 6 p.m. Friday, June 2, until 6 p.m. Saturday, June 3. Some of

these activities include music from the Wildsiders, bingo, a bonfire, a scavenger hunt, aerobics, caricatures, face painting, a juggler, musical chairs, water balloon tosses, a tug-of-war, and much more. Most of these activities will be held rain or shine.

"I think if students sign up, they need to realize this is a commitment and it benefits a good cause," said Mrs. Taliaferro.

The American Cancer Society is important because it informs people of cancer and it helps give hope to people who are suffering from cancer by way of researching. This research is done in order to find answers to current unanswerable questions.

If any student wants to pledge money for the American Cancer Society, find a friend who is on a team or Mrs. Taliaferro.

'Anything Goes' at tonight's dance show

KATY JORDAN
Managing Editor

With sweat and hours of hard work, the Dance-skins have spent an entire year preparing for tonight's show "Anything Goes."

Not only did the dancers work everyday in class, but they spent three weeks staying after school every night in order to practice each dance on stage.

Keya Franklin, junior, said that staying after school until 7 or 7:30 p.m. was the worst.

"I was so tired when I got home that it was hard for me to get my homework done because all I wanted to do was take a bath and go to bed."

Maggie Woodruff, junior, said that all the hours outside of school

were rough sometimes, but that all the practice is worth it in the end.

She said, "We've worked so hard in this class, and it's great to see how it all turns out in the end."

Senior Jessica Shipley anticipates this year's show to go very well.

She said, "[The show will be good] because there is a lot of variety in the dances, and they are not all the same."

She said that overall the show is more organized this year and that everyone is prepared a lot better.

One reason everyone is so prepared is that Mrs. Bonnie Amburgey, dance teacher, entered the classes in several more dance competitions than in previous years.

She said that she did this in order to get her students used to per-

forming in front of an audience.

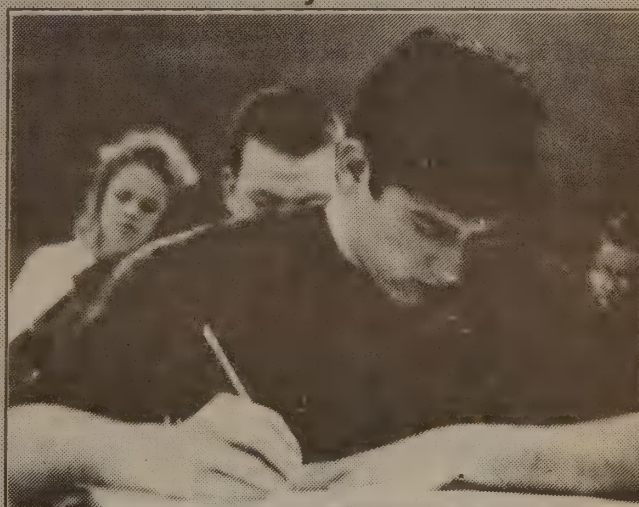
She added that the dances were critiqued at each competition, which allowed the classes to work on all the little things that could improve each dance.

Jenny Bales, sophomore, said that being in so many competitions throughout the year should help everyone out.

She said, "It will help make people less nervous when they are on stage because we know what we are doing. We learned how different judges would react to our performance, and we'll put on the same show that we did for them."

The show is at 7:30 tonight and tomorrow night in the auditorium. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$4 for adults.

■ So what do you think?



LAST WEEK STUDENTS took a survey to find out how they felt about their school and surroundings. Photo by Chrissy Francies.

Sterling Sentinel winners have plans for successful futures

AARON MARTZ
News Reporter

Seniors Marcus Weemes and Ardua Harris were the only two Sterling Sentinel winners from North Side, winning a plaque and \$1250 for college.

This award is important to these students because it is recognized across the county as a very prestigious award.

Winners were selected according to the amount of school involvement, their performance, and how their interview went, according to Mrs. Dolores Klocke, guidance coordinator.

Marcus won his award for outstanding performance in drama.

He has been involved in the jazz choir, show choir, speech team, student musicals, and the student council.

Marcus has won prior awards for Outstanding Soloist at Churubusco and Shelbyville, and has also won at many other show choir competitions.

"The school selected a person to represent for each category. We had to go before a panel of judges. We had to take evidence from what we've done and perform for them," he said.

After using his money for his education at IU, Bloomington, Marcus said he would like to go into the management of a theater, or possibly do something with music. He said he may even perform.

"I would like to be a big-time celebrity music manager guy like Quincy Jones or someone," Marcus said. "Make the big bucks."

Ardua, this year's Salutatorian, won her award for achievement in the category of English and literature.

Ardua was very surprised to find out that she won.

"I don't know why I won. I think if it was anything, it was the interview," she said. "It really went well."

Among the several awards Ardua has won, one of the most noted is the Knight-Ridder Award of which she is one of four winners in the nation.

She recently traveled to

Florida to accept this award, which will pay \$20,000 over four years.

She will also have an internship with any Knight Ridder newspaper every summer for four years.

"I see her as obviously a talented academic," said counselor Mrs. Klocke. "Teachers look at her as highly motivated, creative, self-motivated, and with a high potential for growth."

Among other things, Ardua has been a Hoosier Girl State Nominee, has won science awards, took a six week internship at the Journal Gazette, and is a member of the National Honors Society.

Ardua has also attended a three week minority journalism camp at the University of North Carolina as

well as receiving a scholarship to the prestigious Dartmouth College.

Among Ardua's interests are journalism, psychology, and writing.

"I'm going to pursue a journalism career which is sort of like English," she said.

"If that is what I choose to do. But my other major interest is psychology, so I don't really know what I'm going to do."

Other nominees who were not selected as winners were Brad Ferrier in art, Andrew Jackson in business, Jason Mears in athletics, Jennifer Brownfield in speech, Darcy Towsley in science, Laura Helmke in social studies, and Jana Ferrell in journalism.

Efficacy: All students are capable of learning

LUCAS PERKINS
Features Reporter

Dr. Larry Coleman of Efficacy Institute Inc. gave a speech at Picasso's on Wednesday, April 26.

The program, and the Institute, is focused on reforming school systems all the way from the school board to the students. It has gone to different school systems around the country advising on new ways to teach and govern. The word "efficacy" is defined by the Institute as "the capacity to mobilize available resources to solve problems and promote development".

Ron Flickinger, guidance counselor, with the help of the "Core Team" of the Lilly Endowment sponsored North Side Area Guidance Leadership Project, brought Dr. Coleman to Fort Wayne to give his presentation for a group of educators. It would be impossible for me to tell you the entire Efficacy program here, but briefly, it is a belief system that says that all students are capable of attaining all things in school and those schools who believe in the inherent potential of humans are more successful than those who believe some kids are not very smart. After explaining what kind of success for students that the Institute is trying to attain, the first question he asked was, "What would the world be like if all students were like this?"

My answer to this was, "Smooth and inter(as well as intra)-connected. The society would have no use for frivolities and escapes (such as fashion or drugs), and we could all continue to move towards self and world understanding. We would all know each other, without being personally familiar."

The second question he asked was, "How do we achieve this world?" I wrote, "An effort by all, and the disposing of time wasting practices. A more communal view as opposed to one directed only at self-advancement."

Administrators and teachers, with whom the program must originate, must forget about personal pride or long used policies in order to move forward. Unfortunately, many are very set in their own ways, which have now been proven unsuccessful by the current state of schooling that we are all witness. The number of students failing in our own school system is demonstrated by our success (or lack thereof) percentage in the Efficacy Institute's set of "21st Century Standards of Education" that all students should be able to meet by the end of high school. They include the following:

Math - Demonstrate mastery of calculus (or its equivalent) at the Advanced Placement level.

Foreign Language - Demonstrate mastery of a second language at the stage 5 level proposed by the ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages.)

Language Arts - Demonstrate mastery of written and spoke expression of the English language by writing, presenting, and defending a literate, cogent, well-researched essay of 25 pages.

Character - Demonstrate in behavior and interaction, the capacity to live by high ethical standards.

After going through these, Dr. Coleman asked the group how many people they knew who would or could achieve this by the end of their high school career. I believe I said, "Maybe ten?" One school official said, "Or even fewer than that." Dr. Coleman's point was made very clear. All in all, the lecture was a success in that it made us all think about the problems our system has, and how we can fix them.

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Students 'blow off' busy work

ARDUA HARRIS
Opinion Editor

Twenty-two days left.

Sitting in class, my mind began to wonder. Only 22 days left, I thought. Yes! Like most seniors at this time of year, I can barely concentrate on anything that remotely deals with high school, which isn't a good thing since most teachers pick this time of year to start piling on the homework.

Homework. Something I haven't done all year, but now find myself doing on an almost daily basis. I don't have a problem with home-

work—if it serves a purpose, but I'm finding that, as I talk to my friends, homework has turned into nothing more than busy work.

You know, busy work—where students are asked to copy endless text, verbatim from books requiring no thinking or original thoughts.

Doing worksheet after worksheet has turned into a monotonous bore.

I know, some people, including myself, learn better if they have to write something down, but it's getting to the point where enough is enough. It, countless worksheets, has become just another time-consuming waste of time.

I'm not saying that all homework is worthless or pointless. Some of it is actually pretty good and really makes you think. I've had quite a few assignments that I actually enjoyed. Those assignments are usually the ones that challenge me or make me think for myself.

With graduation just around the corner, it's increasingly difficult to do meaningless assignments to just get a good grade. Many students now are just blowing busy work off and, therefore, hurting their grades.

School has, on a number of occasions, been greatly worthwhile. That is how I want to remember my last days in high school.

Brooks praised by writer for humility

Dear Editor,

Congratulations to Keion Brooks twice, First for winning the Gooden Award and second and equally important, for the humility he displayed when he accepted it.

Keion set himself apart from most contemporary athletes with his

humility. Taunting and bragging by athletes seems not only to be acceptable, but expected. Hardly a fine play goes without the athlete taunting his opponent and bragging in one way or another. Somehow it has been mistaken for enthusiasm. Keion put himself in a class with Jerry Rice, Wayne Gretzky, and a few other athletes who

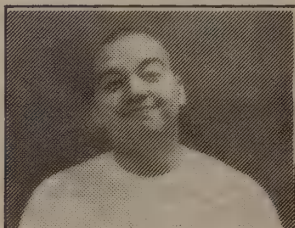
let their play do the talking. There is a quote that goes "Athletics doesn't build character—it reveals it" and I think Keion once again revealed his character when he accepted this award.

Congratulations Keion, you made all of us at North Side proud.

Dr. Weiss, Business Teacher

Off the Record...

"Do you think
FWCS needs
reform?"



Marcus Weemes, senior
"I think FWCS needs reform. Dr. Fowler-Finn is on the right track."



Rich Kuntz, junior
"I don't know, and I don't care. I'm outtie in a year."



Janine Kelly, freshman
"I think it's just fine as it is."



Aarika Dillard, sophomore
"I don't think we should have to get up so early in the morning."



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Self journeys bring on life philosophies for some

LUCAS PERKINS
Features Reporter

Defining one's self does not seem to be an easy task for some students.

"I don't know who I am; I haven't found myself yet," said junior Julie Regedanz.

Brad Ferrier, senior, said, "I don't know who I am, but give me a couple years and I think I'll probably be able to figure it out."

But, it is a simple answer for others.

Ian Crase, senior, said,

"Well, my name is Ian Crase; I live in a house; and I'm an alright guy who likes to have fun."

"I am a product of my environment,"

Brad Ferrier, senior

"I think I'm like Julius Caesar reincarnated," said Jason Mears, senior.

Life philosophies are a little easier to come by.

"Anything that doesn't kill me makes me stronger," said Jason.

Julie said, "Be willing to try everything, and give your full effort. Have lots of

acquaintances and only a few good friends."

"If it feels good, do it," said Ian. "My philosophy, however, needs some adjustments."

Of how she became what she is, Julie said, "Learning from the people ahead of me, and taking good advice from my friends."

"I have become what I am as a result of the people around me and the things that have happened to me. I am a product of my environment," said Brad of how he became what he is.

"My mom pointed at a house one time. Well, that's where I became. I'm not sure how I became," said Ian.

There seems to be a consensus of what people have helped people become who they are.

"Everyone at some point has had some effect," said Brad.

"Everyone that I've met or been in contact with, whether good or bad [has influenced me]," said Jason.

"Oh, many people have influenced me; my parents, friends, teachers," said Julie.

Redskins face phobias, fears

AARON MARTZ
Features Reporter

Whether it be a fear of the dark, spiders, or snakes, generally everyone has some little fear in the back of their mind called a phobia.

"I have a phobia about newspapers," said Jessica Helmke, Junior. She developed the fear of paper in elementary school, but since she was required to use paper, she had to get over it. "As a child, I used to do all I could not to touch paper."

There are people in the world that either do not have a phobia or do not want to admit it.

"I don't have a fear of anything," said Jeremiah Miser, Junior, who used to be afraid of rollercoasters, but got over the fear by riding them constantly. "I think it's normal. It's not unusual for people to have phobias. There's nothing wrong with them unless they have excessive amounts of phobias. Then they need help."

Other people have a different opinion about people inflicted with phobias.

"They suck, they're wusses," said Steve Boehme, Junior. "But they have to be scared of something, though. The only thing worse than fear is fear itself."

There are several suggestions on how to get over phobias, such as locking a person in a dark room if they are afraid of the dark, or riding rollercoasters to get over the fear, but to those who cannot get over their phobia, some people have a different

solution.

"We should send all the people with phobias over to Ireland," said Justin Crosby, Senior, "to face off with the Leprechauns."

What is your worst fear?

"Afraid of dying in a stupid way,"

-Mike Deans, junior

"Getting hit by a car,"

-Angela Hartman, junior

"Afraid of failing,"

-Katie Alexander, junior

"Afraid of dying in a fire,"

-Suzanne Medford, junior

While You Were Sleeping joins list of romantic hits

RITA MAGSAMEN
Features Editor



Love can be a very confusing thing.

At least that's how Sandra Bullock's character feels in the romantic

comedy, *While You Were Sleeping*.

Bullock plays a token taker at a subway station in New York City. Every morning, she sees the same man, who she has a crush on. She always says that one day she will marry him, but yet she never talks to him.

On Christmas Day, while she is working, her dream man is mugged while waiting for the subway. While the attackers are fleeing, they knock him onto the rails. Bullock starts to panic when she realizes that the train is coming. She then jumps down and grabs him before the subway comes.

At the hospital, Peter is unconscious and in a coma. The hospital staff won't let her see him because she isn't family.

While in the hall, Bullock mutters to herself that he was the guy she was supposed to marry. The nurse overhears her, and Bullock is soon wrapped up in this lie. Pretty soon, Peter's family hears that she is his

fiancee, and they welcome her and invite them into their lives.

Bullock meets Peter's brother, played by Bill Pullman, while the family anxiously awaits for him to wake up. After spending more time with his brother, Bullock realizes that she is falling in love with him.

As the story continues, it is easy to get caught up in Bullock's dilemma. Her off-beat character brings a hilarious role into the lives of complete strangers.

The film has a convincible cast, and is hilarious to watch. The story line is easy to follow, and it adds laughter to this funny situation.

Playing at Coldwater Crossing, *While You Were Sleeping* is a knee-slapping comedy about confused identities and lonely souls.

Here's a list of some other romantic comedies available on video:

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2. Sleepless in Seattle
3. An Affair to Remember
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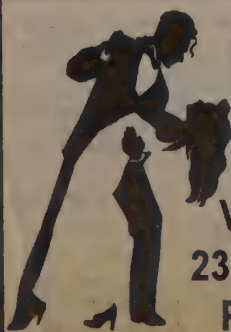
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Way to run



RYAN WARRICK, SOPHOMORE, gives it his all in the 110 meter high hurdles. Tuesday night the team competed in the SAC meet and placed sixth overall. Photo by Chrissy Francies.

Doubles still undefeated; SAC out

CHRISTY MILLS
Sports Reporter

The girls' tennis team competed against Elmhurst for the SAC lead Monday, but was defeated 3-2, bringing their five match winning streak to a stop.

Although the team was defeated Mr. Jerry Gerig, coach, sees their strong points. "Elmhurst is a really good team. They have two star players that play number one and two singles and we don't have any which means no spots are guaranteed, but I would rather have a strong team in all positions, such as this one, rather than have two star players and more weak positions."

Although the team as a whole lost, both of the doubles teams won. Jill Hudson and Linnea Hatch, both seniors, won number one doubles while Danielle English, senior, and Andrea Michaeloff, junior, won number two doubles. Both teams are undefeated in the SAC.

Robin Kilgore, junior, said a really strong point of the team was that "no one gave up. We all kept our heads up and never stopped trying," she said.

Mentally the team was ready for the match said Jill. "We knew how good Elmhurst was and what we had to look forward to. We worked really hard for this match, especially this week."

Members of the team couldn't point to anything specific which led to the loss. "It wasn't that we did any-

thing wrong, it was just that Elmhurst took some pretty good shots," said Robin.

Coach Gerig said that all of the team members are strong players, but the team's strength is in the team's depth and that the team allows themselves to be successful.

The matches for the team have been going great, said Coach Gerig. "The matches we have won, we won them big. The few matches we lost, we only lost 3-2."

He explained that their record started off 1-2 and then they won five straight matches. "I think it is because we came together as a team."

Communication and confidence are just a few of the improvements of the team so far this season.

"Everyone has been communicating a lot more and we are more

confident since we have been winning a lot of matches," Jill said, "but as for Linnea and I, we have been doing really well. We are undefeated with a 6-0 record and we have learned each other's strong points and weakness by playing together on the court." The same goes for the team of Danielle and Andrea.

That learning of each other's abilities has helped the team. "Compared to other teams, this team has a lot more team depth and pride along with confidence," said Coach Gerig.

He also said this team is the "best team North Side has had in a while. We have had some pretty good teams in the past, but this one is better because of the team depth."

The teams' next match is away on May 8 against Concordia. The match begins at 4 p.m.

Bruins smear streak

DEREK RITTENHOUSE
Sports Reporter

They may have started off slower than they might have hoped, but the baseball team is now riding a hot streak. They have won 4 of their last 5 and are in second place in the SAC with a record of 4-1 (6-5 overall).

The sudden winning streak and overall better play of the team may be contributed to the effort that has been put in by the team, according to Coach Bruce Miller.

"I think we've been under pressure and I think we have learned to live with it. The hitting has taken off, as a team we're hitting about .300. The pitching has turned completely around and is doing very well for us right now."

"When we get down a few runs, we stick together and don't quit. That is why we stay in the games," said senior Jake Garringer.

North had a field day with the hapless Harding Hawks at home last Thursday 13-0. The Hawks were the latest victims of North's hot streak.

In the first inning North

jumped out to a 3-0 lead and never looked back. After that, Harding came apart at the seams. In the fourth inning North scored eight runs. North picked apart the Harding pitching staff with 14 hits en route to their easy win.

Seniors Alex Raffree and Jason Redwanski each homered in that game.

It wasn't as easy for North on Tuesday, as their streak came to a screeching halt. Northrop clawed their way to a 2-0 victory over North, despite good pitching by junior Ben Pepple.

With the end of the season drawing near, the Redskins are in the hunt for the SAC title. The next games will be critical to North if they want to have a shot at the title.

"Even though we're not in control any more, we did beat Snider (4-1), Northrop lost earlier in the year which makes them 4-1. So, it's a mad race until the end of the season. The Concordia game is the last game of the season and hopefully we will be going into that game 7-0 or 6-1, and then that game will be for the championship," said Coach Miller.

Oops!



JIMMY NISWONGER, JUNIOR, digs himself out of a sandtrap. Photo by Chrissy Francies.

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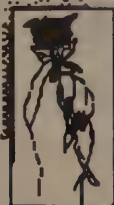
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■ Dream or reality?



North Side is still in the running for purchasing the Old Fort. There are only three groups still in the running. It is a possibility that North Side will run the educational part of it, and each of the other groups will run another part. The final decision will be made some time this month. *Photo by Chrissy Francis.*

Indoor soccer team formed by outdoor team members

ERIN MCATEE
News Editor

around and they got to try out different positions.

"This was helpful because we got to work together and play all

A group of students from North got together and formed an indoor soccer team at Tahcum-wah.

Coached by Michael Shingleston, Angie Shingleston's father, the girls came in first place losing only one game and being supported by many fans.

The members decided to do this to help keep themselves in shape for the next outdoor season.

Most of the members felt that it was a great experience for them because they got to play all year

Members include senior Amy Hartzog; juniors Beth Andorfer, Robin Kilgore, Amy Minns, and Angie Shingleston; sophomores Maricela Arroyo and Stacy Mackey.

year long. It was fun because it was more relaxed than playing outdoor (soccer)," said Robin Kilgore, junior.

Teri Getts, sophomore, said, "Playing on this team improved me a lot and kept

me in shape for next years outdoor soccer team."

The members are looking forward to playing outdoor soccer next year and this just gives them something to look forward to.

Rotary International lets students "think globally" over the summer

JAMIE FORD
News Reporter

"Think Globally" will be the words to remember for the rest of the '90s and beyond, according to the Rotary International Youth Exchange Program.

As the world gets smaller, both economically and culturally, many students are making sure they are prepared to be right in the thick of things, both through their studies and experiences.

One of the best ways to combine the educational and cultural experience into an exciting package is through the Rotary Youth Exchange Program.

This is an unique opportunity that has enabled thousands of high school students to gain valuable insights into the educational, social and economic structures of the country of the student's interest and assignment.

The Rotary organization was founded in 1905 and, with a motto of "Service Above Self," has grown to international stature.

There are Rotary clubs on every continent, totaling approximately 25,700 and over one million members.

As part of the commitment to service, Rotary has been involved in youth exchange since 1953.

With exchange programs in 35 "host" countries, Rotary Youth Exchange has become an ideal program for high school students interested in expanding their global horizons.

Fort Wayne has three clubs that actively sponsor both "outbound" and "inbound" students.

They are the Downtown, Anthony Wayne and Little Turtle Rotary Clubs.

An outbound student is going to a country, while and inbound student is coming into the United

States.

Only a few countries the clubs have sponsored students going to, include, Germany, Belgium, Thailand, and Japan and they have sponsored inbound students from countries such as Denmark, Japan, Bolivia and France.

The results of the youth exchange have been phenomenal. However, any student who chooses to participate needs to recognize his or her involvement in the global marketplace requires preparation and personal commitment.

A few guidelines for preparing for Rotary Youth Exchange:

- be at least 16 years old and not turn 18 by March 1 the year of departure.
- getting support from parents and family.
- having course work in order and maintaining a rating within the top 50 percent of your class.
- be outgoing and have a pleasant personality.

-make the commitment to be in the host country for the 12 month period.

-be prepared to make a monetary commitment of between \$3,500 and \$5,500, depending on the country of interest and assignment. Some financial assistance is available.

With hundreds of experiences to share, students have commented that the Rotary Youth Exchange Program has made them better students, enhanced their maturity level, helped them understand more vividly the world perspective, enabled them to become fluent in a foreign language, and prepared them for participation in the global society.

Rotary Youth Exchange isn't for everyone. But it is for individuals who want to be involved in a bigger picture of cultural and educational exchanges that impact in what the world will be like in the 21st Century.

Which means Rotary Youth Exchange is perfect for those high school students who understand what it means to "Think Globally."

Any students interested in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program can contact Randy Roberts at 424-5200 or Tom Beaver at 627-5633.

■ Spring-time ritual



The opening of Dairy Queen on Parnell St. marks the beginning of spring and the chance for students to have treats for lunch. *Photo by Alyssa Schroeder.*

Lay off the X kids

EDITORIAL



Danielle English
Editor-in-Chief

"It's prom, not a honeymoon. Choose abstinence." This statement has been driving me insane for the past few weeks.

Everytime I turn on my radio I hear this statement. Everywhere I drive, I see it on billboards. It makes me so agitated I end up turning the radio off or looking the other way.

Just because a guy spends money on a girl does not mean that the girl is going to lose all of her senses and sleep with the guy. Having this commercial out in society just promotes people to think that teenagers are irresponsible and ignorant.

Newsflash: Not all of teens are irresponsible and ignorant and I'm tired of us all being lumped into one category by the "adults."

Along with this lumping, came the labels. Society has given the youth of today the label of lazy, ignorant, self-centered, money-hungry, sex-crazed kids, and they are wrong. All of this Generation X malarkey is really starting to get on my nerves.

Teens can do good. Look at the letter to the editor. There was a group of kids who did something to benefit someone else. Yet, no one ever would have heard of their deed had it not been for this letter. Guarantee if one of those kids were to have made some sort of scene during the benefit everyone in the building would have known about it.

It's not right that only we hear the bad and never the good. The last adds to the disillusion of what our generation is really like.

The goals the "adults" have set for us to achieve are below par, yet they get mad when that's all we manage to accomplish. Let me put it this way, it doesn't make me want to get up in the morning and strive to do my best when everyone thinks that I'm a useless lost X kid. (What, we don't even get a name, just a consonant?)

It's like when your parents give you a curfew. They expect you to come home at that time. Normally, you come home at that time because that is what is expected of you. Most people don't come home hours earlier or hours later because that's not what's expected of them. Here's another example, you tell your dog not to get on the furniture or he will get spanked. He knows that you expect him to off the furniture, but that doesn't stop him from chewing on your shoes. He does what is expected of him only.

Generation X can't be totally blamed for what we do or don't do. Granted, everyone is responsible for what they do to some point, but we have learned from our role models how to act and react.

We were raised by our parents, who were members of the hippie/baby-boomer generation. We mimic what we see. If your parents use incorrect grammar, it's what you know and eventually it's how you start to speak. So if you say that Generation X is so terrible, you've only got yourself to blame.

My point is that I don't think our generation is all that bad. People need to lay off of us a little bit. Just like with every other generation in history we have faults, but don't classify our whole generation by a few hoodlums you see. And please, give us a real name!

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Writer thanks team for unselfishness

Dear Editor,

On April 29, 1995, while awaiting the start of the March of Dimes Walkathon at the Old Fort. There was a brief moment when time seemed to stand still. While the groups of other corporations and individuals stood around waiting to have their group pictures taken, a cloud of white T-shirts with the NBD logo appeared almost out of nowhere, and the groups below gasped and smiled. This cloud of white T-shirts was none other than the 1995 North Side Redskins Track Team, and they seemed quite proud to be participating in a worthy cause as this walk is. Many overheard the young men commenting on how they were proud to be walking in their community for such a worthy cause. And then the tracksters provided those of us waiting with a show of how a team can work together on and off the

oval lap. They warned us as a team before the walk to the delight of us watching.

I wanted to take a few moments to thank the North Side track team and coaches for this brief look at their ability to work as team and their unselfishness. The track teams of our community have so few Saturdays to call their own during the season, and to see this fine unselfish group of men get up on a day when they could have slept until noon reminded me that all of the youth today are more positive than they are given credit for.

Thank you Coach Scott for coaching this group in more than winning. Coach Scott teaches the importance of commitment and participation in the community as well as the school. He should be commended highly for setting a good example to all his fine young tracksters.

I of course am a parent of one of the members of this team, as well as an employee at NBD, and I wanted to again thank this cloud of enthusiasm publicly. I have had many opportunities to watch this group in action, and I can certainly attest to the fact that they walked in this walk only to help babies that may never do so. Their participation was all voluntary, and they were very excited to do this. So excited that they talked about the walk next year. If you see a North Side trackster, tell them thanks for reaffirming the fact that there are positive youths out there, and if you could see them participate at their sport, you also would see how committed they are in everything they do. Thank you guys, you make me very proud to be part of the Redskin community. You are the greatest.

Brenda S. Kelly, track mother

Attendance policy has cracks cops can't fix

ERIN MCATEE
News Editor

Recently some people I know, which shall remain nameless, had an experience with the latest edition of our "Attendance Policy" and it got me really upset.

As most of you probably know, there are now police officers patrolling malls and other public places from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., watching for students who should be in school. The cop seemed in no hurry to take them in. He even let them finish playing their video game, but that's not the point.

The point is that when they got back to school, nothing happened. The

only thing they got was a detention for being late to school. What kind of example is this for the rest of the students? Are they saying that it's okay for us to go out and go shopping or play video games when we are supposed to be in school?

The next part that bothered me was that when one of these students went to court for the number of trancies they have had, nothing happened there either. The court told this student that they were just going to help him get his credits. They did absolutely nothing about the fact that he has missed so many days of school. What's wrong with this picture?

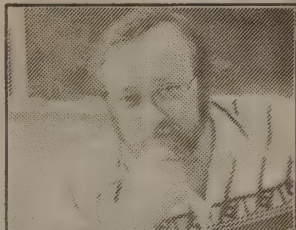
It clearly states in the school's

Attendance Policy that after the fourth truancy, parents are notified "by a referral to the Status Offender Court Alternative Program, juvenile court, the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles, or an expulsion request." It sounds to me like after your fourth truancy, you will probably get into some kind of trouble, so why is it that this student was able to slip through the cracks and no one notice that he missed 30+ days of school in one semester?

It may sound like I'm being petty but if that's the case, then there are a lot of other people who are too, including many teachers. We need a strong policy that deals with trancies and tardies fairly and equally, everytime.

Off the-Record...

"What do you think of Generation X?"



Mr. Dave Bierbaum, math teacher
"Some good people, some bad. Some lost, some found. It's the same as most others."



Beth Andorfer, junior
"It needs great amounts of improvement."



Marie Washington, sophomore
"Everyone is going to have AIDS."



Holly Byrd, freshman
"It's over-rated."



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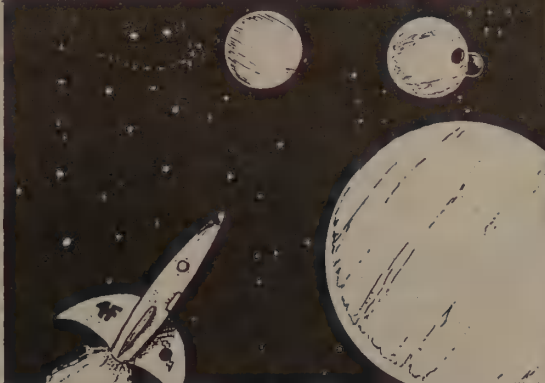
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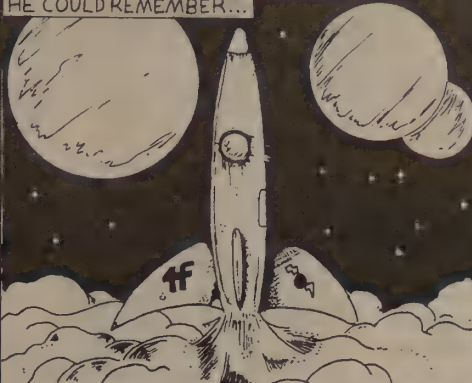
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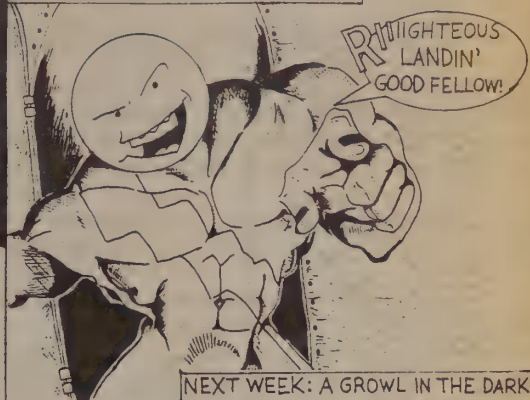


HE HAD BEEN RUNNING FOR LONGER THAN HE COULD REMEMBER...



... DESPITE HIS AMAZING POWERS, OUR HERO FEARED THE WRATH OF THE ASSASSIN!

NOT KNOWING WHAT HE MIGHT FIND OUTSIDE HIS SHIP, THERE WAS ONLY ONE WAY FOR OUR HERO TO EMERGE...



NEXT WEEK: A GROWL IN THE DARK!



THE DANCESKINS PERFORMED their annual show on May 5 and 6 in the auditorium. Photo by Alyssa Schroeder

All grown up with no place to go...

Desire of freedom increases as teens grow

AARON MARTZ
& STAFF REPORTS
Features Reporter

During high school many students start to feel the itch to be on their own. This desire for freedom is normal according to Mr. Ron Flickinger, guidance counselor.

Although the importance of the family is in no way decreased by these "freedom" urges, both students and parents start to experience tension, stress and the need to re-evaluate their relationship with one another when students fight to break free and parents struggle to keep their family together.

It is normal for teenagers to be ready to break away from their parents, Mr. Flickinger said. He explained that these feelings don't normally stem from animosity, as some

Mr. Flickinger warned that this is not necessarily a negative response to a person's parenting abilities. It may in fact be just the opposite. It shows that the parent raised a child who wants to be self-sufficient.

Teenagers aren't the only ones who feel home-life tensions. Parents also experience it to a large degree.

Mrs. Pat Barker, secretary, said that she and her daughter experienced tensions sometimes. She said that for their relationship, communication was the key to helping relieve some of these tensions.

"The fact that [my kids] could tell me the things they were doing and didn't have to fear being punished when they were honest with me made us have a close relationship," she said.

Even though a student lives with their parent or parents, it does not mean they are at home all of the time.

quite different from each other. Mrs. Becky Rutowski, secretary, noticed this in each of her three children. Her youngest child, Jennifer, is 18 and will graduate this year. She said Jennifer has always been willing to try anything. "She is very adventuresome and willing and ready to try anything. She is not a home body at all," Mrs. Rutowski said.

Although she is excited about all that Jennifer does and wants her to be able to experience all that she can in life, Mrs. Rutowski said she knows it will be difficult next year when Jennifer leaves for college. "I want her to do all that she can. Next year she'll go to school and I know I'll miss her a lot," she said.

Even while at home, some students choose not to spend very much time with their families, but what time that is spent at home seems to be

Blue chosen for new M&M color

JAMIE FORD
RITA MAGSAMEN
Staff reporters

The verdict is out.

Royal blue has been chosen for the new M&M color. This new shade will take the place of the tan colored-coated candies in the plain bag and the orange ones in the peanut brand.

Some people might already be wondering what this new hue will be all about. Following is a list of possible meanings for each color:
Red- This one could possibly be related to lust or passion. Eat these when you think of that certain someone.
Yellow- The color resembles happi-

ness. These are best on a warm, spring day.

Green- Green is the symbol for hope.

Blue- Blue is the color of sadness.

They are a good treat for those days when your feeling down.

Brown- When your feeling in the earthy, 'Save the World' mood, brown is the color to have.

Amanda Bowers, junior, said, "I like the tan ones because they taste different. I'm also really upset that they are going to do away with them. They were my favorite!"

Paul Daugherty, junior, doesn't really have a favorite color, but he prefers the red ones "because of my red hair."

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Track prepares for sectionals

CHRISTY MILLS
Sports Reporter

The mens' and womens' track and field teams finish off their last few meets and start running toward sectionals.

The guys' track and team participated in the Warsaw Invitational last Friday.

"We did okay. We met the competition we were up against," said Mr. Keith Scott, head coach. "We ran against the number one team in the state [Kokomo]."

Due to the teams' times, win/loss record, attitudes and their work ethics, Coach Scott is pleased with the teams performance. "This is the best team we [North Side] has had, at least for the past five years," he said.

"Everything from this point on is psychological," said Coach Scott. He also said they will be working on their mental attitudes heavily to prepare for sectionals.

The guys participated in the March of Dimes Walk-a-Thon "as a community service project for the team," said Coach Scott. "Too often people think only negative things about high school students, so I decided to do this to send out a positive message."

The women's team has also been busy. They placed fourth at the Concordia Relays on Saturday.

"I thought the ladies did an

excellent job," said Mr. Bill Blosser, head coach.

Although all the Redskins' relay teams placed in the meet, the two teams that set the meet records were the team of Nicole Lymon, Allison Dunno, Andrea Wells, and Takiyah Franklin and the 300 hurdle relay team of Lymon and Wells.

So far this year the team has been doing really well, said Coach Bill Blosser.

"We have a good group of sprinters that bring in a bulk of points, a capable distance runner [Erica Henn], and in the field events Dunno racks up the points for the team," said Coach Blosser.

On the down side, Coach Blosser said the one thing the team lacks is team depth.

To prepare for sectionals Coach Blosser said he won't be doing much different in the daily practices. "We are just going to work on what we have to," he said.

The teams' workouts have been getting shorter and faster while at the beginning of the season the workouts took them longer and the runners were slower," said Coach Blosser describing the teams improvements throughout the season.

The guys' compete in sectionals on May 18 while the ladies compete on May 16. Both times and location of the meets are yet to be announced.

It's gone!



MEMBERS OF THE varsity baseball team wait at the plate to congratulate senior Alex Raftree on hitting a homerun at Wizard Stadium last Friday. Photo by Chrissy Francies

Golf team members reduce handicaps

CHRISTY MILLS
Sports Reporter

The guys' golf team competed in the SAC meet last Saturday and "met their individual goals," said Coach Mark Daniel.

"Overall we did pretty well. All of our scores met within our individual goals," said Coach Daniel.

Jeremy Pion did really well finishing in fourth place by shooting an eighty, said Coach Daniel.

"He would have shot a 76, but he was four over par on one hole," he said.

Coach Daniel said the team has improved immensely since the beginning of the season.

He said he has seen guys on the team reduce their handicap by 20 strokes.

To be in golf, students have to be prepared for the season.

Coach Daniel said that it is necessary to practice outside of the

regular season because there isn't enough time to do so during the season.

On the other hand, some students are getting summer membership cards at clubs.

Mr. Daniel said that this will help them out a lot, especially for the next season.

The golf teams next match is Saturday, May 13, against Angola.

They compete in the Angola Invitational which begins at 11 a.m.

REMINDER!

Legends will be distributed in approximately one week. Students, who ordered yearbooks should check the list outside of the attendance office to see if their name is on it. If not, students should go to Room 113.

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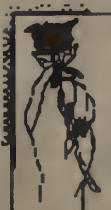
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Student Council Election Results

Members for the Class of 1996

President- Julie Regendanz; **class officers-** Mike King, Lorenzo Smith, and Wes Sweigert; **representatives-** Jim Austin, Emilie Battell, Sara Biggs, Lucy Blackman, Chris Houck, Jack Martin, Jessica Page, Lucas Perkins, and Ben Reed.

Members for the Class of 1997

President- Gary Graham; **class officers-** Bree Bristow, Teri Getts, and D.J. Simmons; **representatives-** Lisa Bridges, Gabe Downs, Stephanie Goes, Jennifer Hadley, Leslie Pulver, John Shingledecker, Sara Smith, Tasha White, and Jessica Zimmerman.

Members for the Class of 1998

President- Andrea Dosen; **class officers-** Jill Hansen and Summer Honor; **representatives-** Jeff Austin, Matt Byers, Sara Conrad, Emily Fark, Melisa Murphy, Antisha Oates, Amber Stewart, Laurie Stineburg, and Tara Turner.

Summer school applications due

JAMIE FORD
News Reporter

Summer school applications are currently available in the Attendance Office for all students interested in taking summer school.

Students who are interested should turn in their applications by the end of the day today. Classes are forming and applications should be turned in before they are full.

Classes can be taken at North Side, Northrop, South Side, and Wayne. Buses will be provided for the summer school sessions.

Schedules are in the Attendance Office.

Classes are available in the following subjects: English, math, science, social studies, health, gym, band, media experience, fine arts, and computer programming.

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All levels of English are available as well as all levels of math and social studies. Art will be offered at Wayne during the first session of summer school. Swing Choir will be offered at Northrop during the first session, also.

Summer school begins on Tuesday, June 13 and ends on Friday, August 4, 1995. The first session will be June 13 through July 11 and the second session from July 12 through August 4.

Classes will meet from 7:45 a.m. to 12 p.m. during the first session and from 7:35 a.m. to 12 p.m. during the second session. Perfect attendance is required during both summer school sessions.

Library to remain open until the end of school

ERIN MCATEE
News Editor

Although the school year is winding down for students, the media center staff, Mrs. Carolyn Zehner and Mrs. Helen Conley, are hard at work.

With only three weeks of school left, there are still 1,041 library materials checked out to students. Of that number, 568 books and periodicals are overdue. Most of the overdue items are from the junior research papers.

Mrs. Zehner said that the number of overdue items is about normal. "Any number is too high, but it's about normal," she said. She said that

it is difficult to get items back because they don't really give the students any incentive to return them until their graduation comes and they have to pay their fines before they can graduate.

The last circulation date for the media center will be *Wednesday, May 31*. This will give the library staff adequate time to collect materials and to send notices to students. This does not mean, however, that the library will be closed. Students will still be able to use materials inside the library up until the last day of school.

The staff is asking that seniors take care of their library obligations by *Friday, June 2*. Underclass obligations should be taken care of by *Wednesday, June 7*.

Newsline

•LET'S SING

Auditions for the show choir will begin Monday, May 22. Students who are interested should stop by the choir room, 256, and pick up information sheets and teacher recommendation forms.

•YEARBOOKS ARE HERE

If students have not already, they may pick up their yearbooks in the cafeteria or in room 113. Students need to bring some form of ID with them when they pick them up. Extra yearbooks will be sold next week on a first come, first served basis. No reservations will be taken and the cost will be \$30.

•ORDER DUE

Market Day orders are due today by 1:30 in the assistant principal's office. They will be picked up at this time so don't be late.

•CAR WASH

Come out and support the girls' and boys' soccer teams this weekend by having your car washed. Come to the Rogers store on North Anthony this Saturday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

•CARNATION SALE

The girls' and boys' soccer teams will also be selling carnations today. The cost is \$1. Today is the last day so hurry.

•EXTRA FRAMES

Anyone who wishes to purchase a 5X7 prom picture frame may do so this week at the main entrance. The cost will be \$4 and will be sold on a first come first served basis.

•LIBRARY FINES

Reminder to all students: library obligations must be taken care of before the end of the year. This is especially true for seniors who must have everything taken care of before graduation.

•SAC TENNIS

Congratulations to Robin Kilgore, Jill Hudson and Linnea Hatch for making All SAC. Danielle English and Andrea Michaeloff were named honorable mention.



DR. RICHARD GARDNER, Mr. Larry Gerardot, and Mrs. Mary Larsen prepare food for the pride week cookout. Photo by Jason Tearman

Recognition Night to Honor Students Accomplishments

ERIN MCATEE
News Editor

Over 175 students will be honored next week at the annual Honors Program.

This program is designed to recognize students who have accomplished special things over the course of the year, many of those who will be honored will be seniors, but several underclassmen will also be recognized.

According to Mr. Larry

Gerardot, assistant principal, there will be over 175 people being honored with many different kinds of awards. There will be department awards such as music, art, English, science, and many others. There will also be some scholarship awards and some special awards such as the "Betty Wagner Color Guard Award," "Outstanding Achievement in Journalism," "Excellence in Dance," and "The Fredric Chopin Piano Award."

Mr. Gerardot feels that this is

one of the best recognition programs that he has ever seen. "This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate achievement with many different kinds of awards," he said.

He also said that this year will be even more special for some seniors because of a portion of the program that has been added. Each of the seniors that was invited was allowed to invite one person who has had a considerable affect on their lives. Some students have invited teachers

from their past, grandparents, and other special people.

Each of the special guests will receive a flower from their inviter in the Redskin Room. Once the program begins, each special guest will be recognized.

Mr. Gerardot hopes that this evening will be enjoyable for everyone. It will take place on Monday, May 22 in the auditorium, beginning at 7 p.m. It should last about an hour and 45 minutes.



Seniors: Don't fall behind now, as graduation approaches

Senoritis: that mysterious ailment that afflicts most seniors and some underclassmen which caused them to stop doing homework, attending classes, and basically start blowing off high school.

This is not a siding seniors opportunity to walk carpet with their the graduation ceremony and also run the risk of attending summer

In addition to graduate on time, scholarships or admission because of low

Yes, even Purdue Universities check last semester grades.

Every year, we hear stories about so and so who was not allowed to graduate because they did not get all their English credits or did not pass economics or government.

It (seeing students not graduate) is something teachers and other students do not like to see happen. It is embarrassing and disappointing to someone to find out they are not graduating after all, but they have only themselves to blame. Contrary to popular belief, most teachers are not just going to let seniors pass just because they like them.

As I've said before, it is difficult to concentrate on school work at this time of year, especially when we think in just a few short days we will be out of here forever.

I know seniors can think of a hundred other things they would rather be doing, but first we have to ensure that we will get out of this place.

No one wants to go on the five year plan. Remember that the next time you feel tempted to skip an important class (by important I mean on necessary to graduate) or not do an important assignment or project.

As they say, it's not over 'til...the last bell rings.

Guest Column



Ardua Harris
Opinion Editor

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Writer promotes commencement change

Dear Editor,

I notice that the school year is coming to a slow, but thankful, end. As I look on my calendar, I see that the class of '95 is about to open the door for the class of '96. By this I mean, I've signed several petitions from senior for the right to throw caps in the air after graduation ceremonies, hoping to start a new tradition here at North Side.

To get to my point, while we are in the mood to change tradition, I propose a new tradition for next year's graduation. Instead of having next year's graduation at the Expo Center, I propose a less expensive solution. We should have the 1996 graduation on the football field. Now before any of the readers start to make a judgement on my thoughts, listen to what I have to say. The graduation would be less expensive to set up because there

would be no charge in using a U-haul in transporting the flowers that they use in the ceremony. The staff members would not have to waste gas running back and forth from the Expo Center and school. Also instead of having the ceremony at night, have it on a Saturday during the day, under the bright sunlight, instead of white lights shining from rafters fifty feet above my head.

I figure that the graduating class can sit in some bleachers up against the scoreboard with the graduation year on the scoreboard, in my case 1996. Parties of people with the graduating class can sit on the field in rows of chairs stretching all 100 yards length and 40 yards width. If any other seating room is needed we could use the football stands stretching from fence to fence.

In case of rain we can move it to the main gym or auditorium. I don't

think that parking will be a problem after last week's honors banquet. No to my main point, using the football field would be less costly instead renting out the Expo Center and staff does not have to pay to clean it.

And I also figure that it would be nicer not to have a traditional graduation. I've set up for graduation in freshman and sophomore years at each year it was exactly the same each time, and I'll bet that it is going to be the same this year.

As a representative of the generation of seniors, I say I would like to see a change for my graduation. And I would also like a change in other graduations. I don't know about any of you, but I don't want to be bored by same old same old. I'd like a change of pace, and I don't want stiff members to take this seriously. I don't want a cheap graduation. Ryan Shannon, junior

End of year brings thank-yous for writers

Dear Editor,

As this school year quickly draws to a close, I would like to take this time to thank a number of people that have made this year a very special one for me.

To Dr. Gardner, Athletic Director Mr. Brown, Coach Heaton, and the entire men's basketball team, a heart felt thanks for including me in this year's trip to the Semi-State Basketball Tournament in South Bend, Ind. It was an experience I shall take with me for a life time.

To Mrs. Larsen, Mrs. Lovett, Mr. Armstead, and Mr. Scott, many thanks for including me in the lives of the students you touch. Whether it is for advice or discipline, it is always nice to know that your opinion is sought after. And yes students, as hard as it may seem to believe, many of you do seek these people out for advice.

To the Guidance Office Staff and all their great service workers,

thanks for all the great snacks and conversation. I thoroughly enjoy going over the newspaper with the students and staff and getting their points of view.

To everyone who attended this year's prom and after prom. What a great time! If you missed it, start making plans for next year's prom now. I will also go out on a limb and issue this challenge: Mr. Gerardot, Mr. Randall, Officer Matt Enyeart and myself want a rematch with Dr. Gardner, Mr. Flickinger, Mrs. Larsen and Mr. Jon Miller for the North Side Bowling Championship! Thanks to all who took part in the planning of this event!

To this year's Senior Class. A hearty thank you to all of you for the past two years. It was many of you who welcomed me into this school building last year. I know that at this time of year all of you are receiving tons of advice on what to do and when to do it. So a little more from me

shouldn't hurt. Trust me, from point on your lives are going to fly. If there is something in your life you have always dreamed of doing, your best to do it. There is nothing more regrettable in life than looking back and saying, "I wish I would have done that." Good luck to each everyone of you and I'm looking forward to seeing you at commencement.

And lastly I must thank young people who put together an awesome periodical. My visits to your fourth period class are many times a highlight of my day. Your frank discussions of the issues facing today's young people are not only refreshing but though provoking. I can only hope that all of you enjoyed the time as much as I did. As I close this letter, I hope that I have not offended anyone by not mentioning them or their ability by name. Maybe I should just thank to North Side for being "Place to Be."

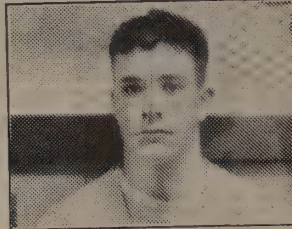
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Off the Record...

"Do you think commencement should be changed?"



Laura Cash, freshman
"I think the ceremony should be held in our stadium outside."



Adam Harris, senior
"It should be at the Shady Nook."



Shawita Jefferson, junior
"They should be able to throw their caps. They did buy them."



Lisa Bridges, sophomore
"I think it's fine the way it is."



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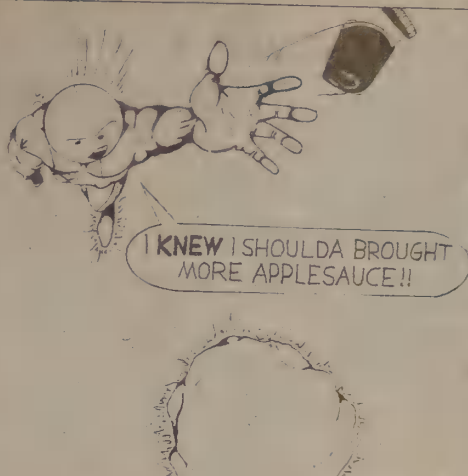
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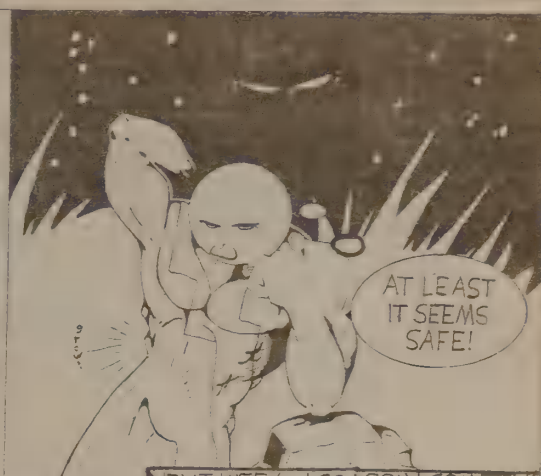
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Junior videos allow creative minds to work together

AARON MARTZ
AND STAFF REPORTS
Features Reporter

The junior English classes are going the Hollywood way with their last and final project.

One of the most important assignments for the last nine weeks of the junior English year are their video projects.

The video consists of a piece of American literature, poem, or short story adapted into a play or movie form. A handwritten script must also be handed in with the project.

Some students have taken ideas from many of the books and authors they have studied on throughout the year. Some of these include, *The Scarlet Letter*, *The Great Gatsby*, Edgar Allan Poe, and Dr. Suess.

"We're doing our film about a book by Jack Kerouac called *Doctor Sax*," said Mike Deans, who's Honors English class has a deadline of June 1.

"Mainly I'm a cameraman and later I'll be editing it and adding special effects," he said of his involvement in the production of the movie. "We're about one sixth of the way done filming my friend's massive reenactment."

"I think (junior video projects) are fun. They're a great way to waste a lot of time doing something

you do anyway and call it home-work," Mike added.

Some students who are less thrilled about the

"They're (junior videos) an educating opportunity for creative expansion on group ideas,"

Andy Fish, junior

project as yet have no script to work with.

"I don't know yet," said Cory Wiebke as to what his project will be. "I'm acting and directing, both. I do it all."

"Our deadline for our script is the 28th of May. I don't know the deadline for the whole thing," he said. "I think it'd be fun if they let us

go into more detailed stuff. I'm sure Mrs. Flora will help us get stuff done."

Besides doing a straight adaptation of a work, it is also possible to mix two works into one.

"Our film is 'Of Mice and Gump'," said Andy Fish. "It's *Forrest Gump* and Lenny (from *Of Mice and Men*) going through the plot of *Forrest Gump* together with slight changes.

"I think they're fun," he

added as to his opinion of the projects. "They're an educating opportunity for creative expansion on group ideas."

"My group is doing a parody of *The Color Purple*. I'm going to play Sofia, and I'm going to be a boxer," Anna Weldishofer said.

Junior videos allow the students to break out their creative sides, and to show their interpretation of American literature.

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Seniors look ahead to life in ten years

AARON MARTZ
Features Reporter

Toward the end of the year, seniors may find themselves suddenly thinking of what they will be doing in the future beyond their high school lives.

"In ten years, I see myself teaching on an (Indian) reservation and working on my master's degree," said Chris Rowan, who is part Cherokee and part Blackfoot Sioux.

He is very sure of what he wants to do, and what sort of degree he will be working for.

"I'll work for my master's degree in teaching and anthropology (at I.U. Bloomington), and I hope to be teaching on a reservation and studying pre-Colombian America," he said. He hopes as well to help make the reservations better places.

Some seniors are less sure of what they will do next month let alone in ten years.

"I'll probably still be in college trying to decide my major," said Melissa Palmer as to what she will be doing in ten years. "I'll probably be living with my parents, knowing me. I hope to be on my own."

While many graduates will

settle in the United States, the prospect of living in a different country is not out of the question.

"I see myself in Europe as an instructor at the University of Berlin," said Jeremy White, who will be working for a PhD in sociology. "I hope to be a professor of North American and Western Culture."

"I'll probably be living in some small apartment with sparse furniture, but I'll be happy because I'll be living in Europe," he said.

Living in Fort Wayne is also an option for seniors.

"I'm probably going to be living in Fort Wayne," said Lloyd Thompson, who wants to major in business, and start his own business. "I'll start either a goat farm or a coffee shop. I would like to own my own fleet of pirate ships, but I don't think I'll have the assets to start that. I hope to be living somewhere else like Abudabi, but I don't think I'll be able to afford a plane ticket to the capital of the U.A.E."

Headed, as to what he would be doing in ten years, "(I see myself) sitting in a coffeeshop drinking coffee, complaining to people about how the coffee I'm drinking has gone cold."

Make It Last Forever



SENIOR CORY ROBERT stakes a break from his date to dance with senior Sam Walker. The prom was last Saturday at the coliseum. Photo by Richard Ning

Let's Bowl!



SENIORS SAM SUAREZ and Michelle Lyda enjoy the food provided at the after prom while waiting for their turns to bowl. Photo by Richard Ning.

'Skip Day' passed in variety of ways

DANIELLE ENGLISH
Editor-In-Chief

The parking lot was empty. The attendance office was busy at work recording all of the senior absences. Yes, it was the infamous "Senior Skip Day."

This day normally follows the prom weekend. It is said to be a time for seniors to recuperate from the weekend's activities.

Temujin Lapsley said he just drove around to a couple of 'friends' houses and relaxed the whole day. "It's a relaxation day for us seniors. It was really nice outside and I had a good day off from school," he said.

Sarah Ricker also relaxed on her day off. "I slept until noon and then I tried to lay out, but I got bored. I watched some soap operas, then Holly

[Belchner] and Jessica [Shibley] came over and we went and got their prom pictures," she said.

Not everyone's day was quite so relaxing. Takiyah Franklin was sick. "I guess I needed to recuperate from the long weekend," she said.

Doug Schroeder also didn't have a very nice skip day. "On my way home from Cedar point I got pulled over by the police. After that I had to go home, smoke some cigarettes and chill for the rest of the day."

For every senior the time was well spent either preparing for the end of the year's festivities or just catching up on that much needed sleep.

It wasn't all seniors that skipped on Monday. Some underclassmen had a lapse for a moment and thought they were seniors and skipped. Teachers took it upon themselves to

punish these forgetful students with detentions (Mr. Dave Bierbaum method) or essays (Mr. Slave method).

Several students offered their reasons for not coming to school those days.

Shad Turner, junior, said he came to Advanced Biology first period to avoid the essay and then he left. "I left after first because no one was here," he said. Shad went out to lunch with some friends and then he lay out in the sun. "It was just boring here," he said.

Shad was not the only junior who skipped out. Maggie Woodruff also did the same thing. "I had excused absence though," she said.

The senior skip day is a tradition and will continue to be one year's to come.

Graduation produces added responsibility, arouses fears in students

JAMIE FORD
News Reporter

As the '94-'95 school year comes to a close many seniors realize their biggest fear: RESPONSIBILITY.

Although responsibility ranks in the top fears of seniors, being alone is also a factor says, senior, Jenni

Forbes. "I'm kinda scared of college because I'm going to have to move out on my own and pay my own rent and bills and all that."

On the other hand, senior, Josh Richardson, said, "It's going to be hard not being able to see all of my friends everyday."

Laura Helmke, senior, said, "I'm really looking forward to the new

things I'm going to experience. College and meeting new people, but I know I'm in for a big change." Laura also commented that she is afraid something conflicting society will cause her to not be able to do the things she is setting out to do.

Other fears of seniors include: money, getting through college, getting a good job, being alone, and miss-

ing family and friends.

Although there are many fears among seniors, there are also many good points that they are looking forward to.

Jenni said, "I'm really looking forward to living alone, going to parties, and being out of the reach of immature people."

With only 12 days of school

left, seniors realize that their awaited high school years are finally over, whether they like it or not. For some, the reality hasn't quite set in.

Amy Witzigreuter, senior, said, "High school has changed in a way I never thought it would. I've decided that I wanted to go into teaching. I have Mr. (Mike) Morris to thank for that."

Student appreciates adoption, family

LUCAS PERKINS
Features Reporter

The act of adoption is many times frowned upon and considered to be a bad thing, but most times, it leads to only good things.

As is the case of Monica Biggs, sophomore, who was adopted when she was five years old.

Monica's mother was a schizophrenic and alcoholic, and was unable to be a fit mother. To Monica, her father is a mystery.

Unlike some adopted children, Monica said she remembers when she actually moved in with the Biggs family when she was five, and remembers the custody trial itself. That was also the last time she saw her mother.

Until last year, Monica knew none of her biological family. Her grandmother, her mother's mother, whom she called, "The greatest grandmother you could ever have,"

called her up from Florida, and she ended up spending much of her summer down there.

In Florida, she met her aunt and uncle, and many other members of her extended family. She has still never met her mother since she was very young, and she is not sure she is ready to, but she thinks she might try to find her when she is 18.

Unfortunately, her father's family is still a mystery to her. "I still wonder about my dad and his side of the family," she said.

Monica wonders sometimes if she might get ill like her mother, since schizophrenia is known to be hereditary, and it scares her.

Of her adoption, Monica said, "Now that I look back, I'm thankful."

She is not ashamed of her background.

She said, "If people ask I'll talk about it, but I don't go around bragging about it. It's just another part of my life - no big deal."

A burger for all



ADMINISTRATORS COOKED HAMBURGERS and hot dogs for the traditional Pride Day cookout. All students were required to stay in for lunch as part of the celebration. Photo by Jason Tearman

Sexual activity brings more than pleasure, consequences not fun

HEATHER HENRY
Commentary

There is a 44 percent chance that a girl will become pregnant before she turns 20 according to a recent study.

I was seven years old when I found out that I had an older brother who didn't live with us. It was his tenth birthday and Mom had made him a cake. It said, "happy birthday Steven." I cried. I don't really know why I cried. I didn't understand it, and I still don't.

It's been eight years since then. Steven has turned 18. He's two years older than my parents were when they gave birth to him.

My parents were 16 and in love. One night it just happened. They were at a party. They said they probably had had a couple of drinks, but who knows.

What we do know is that because of that one night of partying, that one night of pleasure, my parents were faced with the most difficult decision of their lives, a decision they weren't ready to make and shouldn't have had to make in the first.

If they had been told half of what we have been told about the dangers of unprotected sex, and if they had been warned half as many times as we have been warned not to put ourselves in risky positions then so much of the pain that they have experienced wouldn't be here today.

Life might be normal today and my mom might be able to enjoy a day of her life without regretting and wondering what her life might have

been, like and what she might have been able to accomplish had she not had sex that night. But she and my dad did have unprotected sex and now it's too late to change it.

My mom and dad gave their baby boy, their first son together, up for adoption. My mom held him once, and then she had to give him away. She said she didn't want to let go. She wanted to hold onto him forever. "I felt as if I were losing a very important part of myself, and that I could never function as myself after I gave my baby away," my mom told me.

You see, my mom had all of the maternal instincts that any other woman would have had, but she didn't have any clothes for that baby or a place for him to sleep. Both of my parents came from very poor families. My mom had five brothers and sisters. My dad had 16. There was no way that this little baby could be cared for in all the ways that it needed, and my mom and dad knew it. So they gave him up and then didn't see or hear from him for 18 years.

My parents are 36 now.

Steven, my older brother, is 18. We met him last Christmas. He contacted us through Social Services and our lives were turned upside down. My mom's world fell apart. All of the feelings that had been locked away for so long were now reappearing.

Here was the little baby she had carried in her body for nine months and had held once. He was now a man. She missed his first words and his first steps. My parents had missed everything that should have been theirs.

All of this raced through my mother's head as she saw her first-born son for the first time in 18 years. You could see the pain in her face. She was trying so hard not to cry. She didn't want him to leave and to this day every time he comes over she hugs him for about ten minutes before he can leave. It's as if she's reliving the time 18 years ago when she had to let him go, and never got him back.

I got very jealous. I had always been with my mother, and I had given her all the love and respect she had needed. Now all she wanted was him. I felt like he walked in and stole

all of her love from me. I got angry at him. Why did he have to hurt my parents so much? For a while I even hated him.

Sometimes I still feel that way, but I just try to accept it as part of my life. I love my mom too much not to try to understand what she's going through. I love her too much not to hurt with her.

I've watched my parents hurt. I've watched my mom cry for hours because she feels guilty or she misses Steven. I've seen it all, and I've heard it all. Sometimes I even hate my parents for what they've put themselves, and the rest of my family through.

When I was younger and I thought about the whole situation, I couldn't understand how they could not realize that having sex could affect their whole lives.

Now that I'm in high school I realize that many people my age don't think about the consequences sex can bring. Having sex has consequences. The choice my parents made all those years ago has affected so many people-my mom and dad, Steven and his adoptive family, and my other brothers and sisters and myself. It is not always a one moment thing. The consequences of that choice may carry on always.

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North Side Calendar

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- 22 NSHS Recognition Program 7 p.m. Auditorium
- 23 Athletic Banquet, 6:30 North Side
- 29 Memorial Day (no school)
- 29 Baseball Sectional
- 30 Northwood Recognition Program 7 p.m. auditorium

June

- 1 Spring Concert 7 p.m. Auditorium
- 2 Senior Meeting 10:15 a.m. Auditorium
- 3 SAT I/SAT II 8 a.m.
- 3 Softball Regional
- 3 Girls' Tennis, State Competition 9 a.m.
- 3 Girls' and Boys' Track, State Competition
- 6 Senior Finals Periods 1, 3, 5
- 7 Senior Finals Periods 2, 4, 6
- 7 Last Day of School For Seniors
- 7 Underclassmen Finals Periods 1, 2, 3
- 8 Underclassmen Finals Periods 4, 5, 6
- 8 Graduation Practice 9:30 a.m. Coliseum
- 8 Graduation 8 p.m., Coliseum Main Arena
- 9 End of Second Semester
- 10 SAT test 8 a.m.
- 10 Softball, State Competition
- 13 First Day of Summer School

School year successful with help of many

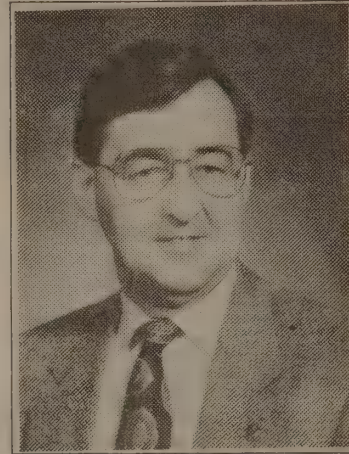
It seems that only last week we were preparing to open the school and welcome back the nearly 1700 students for the beginning of the 1994-95 school year. Yet, as we look at the remaining school calendar, beginning with Monday, May 8, we have only twenty-four school days left out of the 180 days we started with in August of 1994. Again, where have all of the days gone?

That is not an easy question to answer unless one steps back to reflect upon the 156 days already passed. As I stepped back and did that reflection for this article I began to understand that the year has gone so quickly because it has (as Frank Sinatra sings) been a "Very good year." When one has a very good year there are a lot of people who have had a hand in making it happen. When your reflection tells you this, your manners tell you that you must thank them.

First and foremost, I would like to thank the students of North Side High School. Although I believe the majority of all young people in Allen County to be great individuals, the young people at North Side are really the best. From the classroom, to the athletics, to the fine arts forum, to the marching arena, or to service our community, our young people at North Side High School are the best! North Side students are intelligent, caring, respectful, individuals who practice the three "R's" (Respect, Responsibility and Reliability). They are the reason that North Side is **The Place To Be**.

Second, I would like to thank the staff of North Side High School. There is no finer staff in all of North-east Indiana. It is interesting to note that, although I believe this with all of my being, this year I have had confirmation of my belief from sources such

as North Central, Sig Zielke and Margaret Lambboy, and the PBA self-study. The North Side staff is and continues to want to find ways to make our young people at North Side High School as successful as possible. With high expectations for students, they help our students strive for the very best. Our staff helps to make North Side High School **The Place To Be**. Thank you North Side staff!



I would like to thank our North Side High School parents. In addition to helping their young persons be successful at North Side, they are also available to provide help for all the students and staff. As I complete this article, the PTA (who represents all our parents) is providing a week long thank you to our staff for all their efforts on behalf of the young people of North Side High School. Our parents are there for the tutoring, the marching, the fine arts, the athletics, the parties and many more activities that benefit the school. Their involvement helps to make North Side

High School **The Place To Be**. Thank you North Side parents!

I would like to thank the alumni of North Side for all of their support throughout the year. Their efforts, directed largely by the North Side Alumni Association, provides for the extra's that normal school cannot. As one example, the Alumni Association will give 10-\$500 scholarships to deserving North Side seniors. There are many, many more examples of their caring and sharing. The Alumni of North Side continue to help make North Side High School **The Place To Be**. Thank you Alumni!

Then, I would like to thank those in Fort Wayne Community Schools who provide services to North Side High School all year long. The list is very long but a few examples would be our past Area Administrators, Dr. Coleman and Mr. Houk, and our current Area Administrator, Mr. Steve Bollier, the maintenance department, transportation, the Anthis Career Center, the personnel and the business department. They do help make North Side **The Place To Be**. Thank You!

Last, but not least, I want to thank the community around us. Especially the businesses who have advertised in our programs for athletics and fine arts. Because you care about us, we are able to provide extra items for our young people. And for the neighbors, one of which plays for our success as she walks her dog on the streets surrounding North Side, your contribution does truly help make North Side High School **The Place To Be**. Thank you North Side High School community!

Yes, as the song says, it has been a Very Good Year. Thank you all for making it happen.

Reading is benchmark of educated person

RON FLICKINGER
Guidance Counselor

Another school year is almost over, and North Side High School is again poised to launch another group of students out into the "real" world hopefully armed with enough knowledge and skills to not only survive, but to flourish. Some argue that America's schools are not really "educating" our young and that the high school diploma is not worth the paper upon which it is printed.

Those who argue that have a somewhat limited view of what it means to be educated. They seem to say that an educated person is one who has arrived; is done; or has successfully completed each and every prescribed course of study. North Side has a much broader view of the learning process. This year North Side has evaluated both its vision and its mission. One of those statements the term "lifelong learning" is mentioned. The North Side faculty and staff are

dedicated to launching those "who have finished high school." And certainly many of our graduates fit that mode-but unfortunately, many do not. What is it that marks that person as a learner? A seeker of truth? A truly educated person?

On April 20th, Mayor Paul Helmke- A 1966 graduate of North Side- spoke at the National Honor Society Program in which he gave three points which lead to success. One of those points stuck with me, and it is that point which I think truly marks the educated person. It is the willfully avid reader who is truly educated and points mankind to bigger and better things; while the willfully avid non-reader may function in our society, he or she tends to be a bit insignificant in the scheme of things at best, and easily led, at worst.

A person who reads Alex Haley and Richard Wright and Nathan McCall could not possibly harbor a single racist thought, let alone join the KKK. Yet we have active racists in

our society. More active readers means less prejudice.

A person who reads about Anne Sullivan, Corrie Ten Boom, Ann Frank, Ellie Wiesel could not possibly consider

violence or oppression as an appropriate behavior. Yet violence permeates

the pages of our daily newspapers;

More active readers means less guns and bombs.

A person who reads the massive vistas of a James Michener or the intricate plots

of an Agatha Christie couldn't possibly ever be bored. Yet the number one

complaint of teens is that they "have nothing to do." More active readers means less teen restlessness.

Reading a wide variety of the rich works available in our culture opens horizons and stimulates thoughts like nothing else and helps to create truly independent, sensitive thinkers. And it is the "thinkers" who will be the most successful and will have the best opportunity to lead us into the next century.

North Side is committed to do its part in creating that generation of leadership through its desire to set its graduates upon the path to lifelong learning.

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Auer named runner-up in Indiana for 'Teacher of the Year'

CHRISTY MILLS
Sports Reporter

Mrs. Nita Auer was nominated by the PTSA as "Teacher of the Year" at North Side, and she was runner-up in Indiana.

Along with the nomination Mrs. Auer said she felt honor. "I felt that it was such a great honor to be nominated," Mrs. Auer goes on, "and then to be runner-up in the state was even a greater honor."

Dr. Richard Gardner, principal, said she was nominated by the PTSA because of her positive work with the students, parents, and the community.

Several people contributed to her nomination including Captain William Nelson of the Fort Wayne Police Department and Dr. Jerry Koos of FWCS. Also contributing to this effort were seniors Jason Mears and Keion Brooks, sophomore Leslie Shaffer and past graduate Gregory Berger.

Mrs. Auer is an AIDS counselor, she writes about the health field, is a counselor for students

whenever they need help or to talk, teaches Skills for Living to freshmen and Health classes to sophomores, and teaches the DARE program to students and police officers.

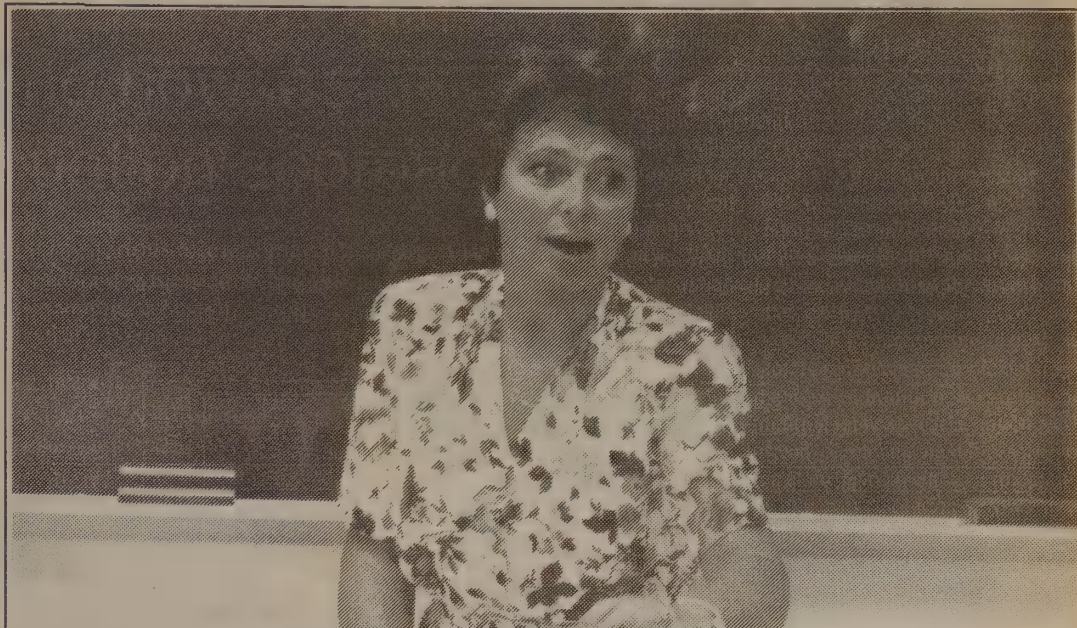
Mrs. Auer also helps train police officers to teach students the DARE program throughout the state of Indiana. She also won Indiana's DARE Educator of the year for the year 1994-95.

"[Being recognized] was really nice because people outside of the education board recognized me and my peers looked at me through different eyes," said Mrs. Auer.

The PTSA spent a lot of time gathering information from students, administrators and parents about their views and opinions on Mrs. Auer. They even talked to Mrs. Auer's parents.

"It was difficult for the PTSA to choose because we have a lot of positive teachers here at North Side, but Mrs. Auer has the best performance," said Dr. Gardner.

Mrs. Auer sets high expectations for her students and guides them through the issues that face



MRS. NITA AUER was nominated by the PTSA as "Teacher of the Year." Mrs. Auer was runner-up in Indiana. Photo by Alyssa Schroeder

them today. She believes that education is the key to overcoming many of the problems in our society.

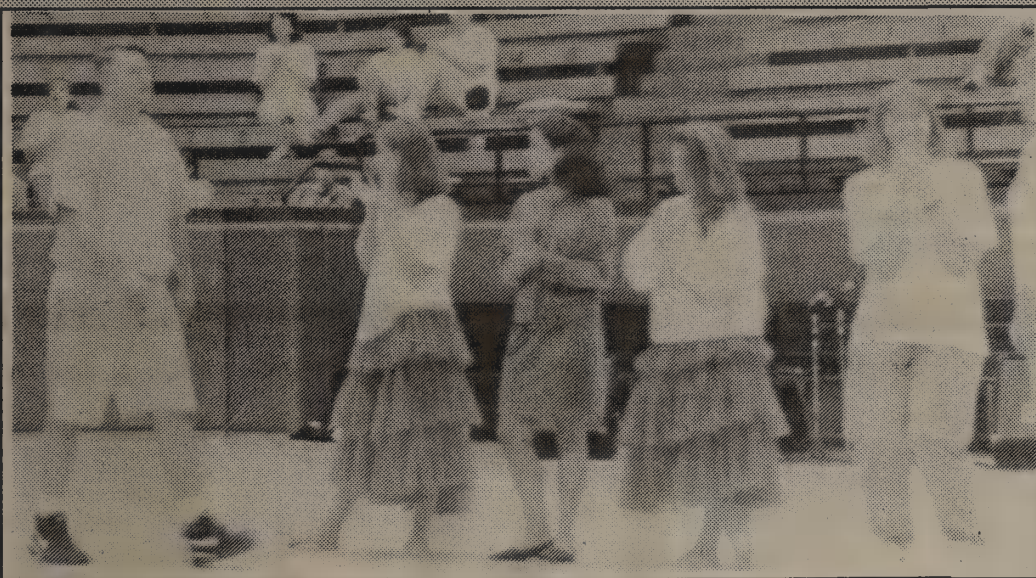
"I really hope to get the image that I want to help the students.

I care about them and help them make good decisions in their lives," said Mrs. Auer. She also said she tries to make the classroom a place where students will want to come

and learn, not a place where they will be put down or feel uncomfortable.

She continued, "I put a lot of time and effort into my teaching. I just hope it pays off."

North Side Pride



STUDENTS WALK IN the Walk of Fame as part of North Side's Pride Day celebration. This day recognizes the achievements of students and staff from throughout the school year. Photo by Jason Tearman

Students to visit sister city in Japan

A number of students have decided to spend a summer at Koryo High School in North Side's sister city high school in Takaoka, Japan. Most of them will spend approximately one month attending school and traveling around Japan. They will be accompanied by Mrs. Marsha Flora, English and ELS teacher, who also teaches English to the one-month Koryo students who visit North Side every fall.

The one-month travelers are juniors Sara Herstad, Ryan Voors, Mikel Kamphus, Letisia Ramon, and sophomore Leslie Pulver. Jeremiah Schneider, sophomore, will stay five weeks where he will be visiting his Japanese relatives in Osaka. Matt Jones, sophomore, and Graham Frederick, junior, will be in Japan for eight weeks.

Mrs. Flora's husband also

plans on visiting Takaoka near the end of the group's visit and will accompany them back to America.

Michael King, junior, was selected by the Fort Wayne Sister Cities Committee to travel to Japan for three weeks. He will be accompanied by students from other Fort Wayne Community High Schools. However, both groups will meet in Takaoka.

Schlatter, Massoth to study geography, art in Peru

LUCAS PERKINS
Features Reporter

In June of this year, Mr. Bruce Massoth and Mr. Orvil Schlatter will be taking a 3-week trip to Peru in South America.

Mr. Schlatter explained the trip shortly as, "We have been given a grant by the Eli Lilly Endowment to study the relationships between art and geography in three major climate zones in Peru."

A fitting mission as Mr. Massoth teaches art and Mr. Schlatter teaches geography.

The idea for the trip started with, as Mr. Massoth said, "A great desire to see Machu Picchu, the site of Cuzco, the lost city of the Incas which was not discovered until the 20th century."

From that basic idea, the two teachers elaborated and took time to research the subject. They wrote a grant proposal to spend one week in each temperate zone.

In the quest for information about their subject, Mr. Massoth and Mr. Schlatter have visited the Field Museum in Chicago and been allowed entrance into the Museum's Incan archives.

Also, they have visited the Detroit Museum of Art for the display of the Royal Tombs of Mipán, and

have recently been invited to the National Geographic Society Headquarters in Washington D.C.

Their trip will include many of the major cities in Peru for archaeologically and architecturally significant sites, as well as; Arequipa, a Spanish colonial city; Nazca, cite of the unusual patterns in the desert; Puna, near Lake Titticaca, where they will be meeting with a Peruvian anthropologist; and of course Machu Picchu and Cuzco, which means "navel of the universe".

One other destination for the two teachers will be Puerto Moldonado near the Rio Madre De Dios in the Amazon basin. There is a British research facility at this area of the most virgin rain forest on the continent, where there are about 12,000 different species of butterfly and about 105 different species of dragonfly. Also, there are more species of bird in this area of the rain forest than in anywhere else in the world.

Among other activities, Mr. Massoth and Mr. Schlatter will be piranha fishing. Also, Mr. Massoth will be taking rolls and rolls of pictures.

All together, Mr. Massoth and Mr. Schlatter will be making the most out of their \$9000 grant; studying and visiting places to hopefully bring a better understanding of the effects of geography on a society's art.

Putt Putt



MEMBERS OF THE golf team practice their putts during a practice. Photo by Alyssa Schroeder.

The seventh inning stretch

CHRISTY MILLS
Sports Reporter

The softball team played Carroll last Friday but lost 8-4. The team played again on Saturday in a double header against Columbia City and again they were defeated.

"We played well against a very good opponent," said Mr. John Miller, head coach.

"We hit the ball okay and our defense was pretty good until the end," said Angie Stinson, senior pitcher.

On the downside the team had a bad seventh inning Stinson recalls. "The teams defense fell apart and there were a couple of errors that costs them some key runs."

Leslie Shaffer, sophomore, and Jenny Powell, senior, made some key plays that threw three people out at second base.

Saturday the team played a double header against Columbia City

and were defeated 11-18 in game one and 3-15 in game two.

"Saturday was a nightmare!" said Coach Miller. He continued, "We suffered injuries to four of our starters." Those injuries were the teams' weaknesses. There was one broken finger, one sprained ankle, and two very sore arms.

In the first game Tracy Sutton, sophomore, scored five runs and in the second game Angie Sarrazin, sophomore, pitched a good game according to Stinson.

Even though the team lost, Coach Miller saw the strong points. "We still managed to have some fun and stay together as a team," said Coach Miller.

The lady Redskins played the Concordia Cadets Monday and were defeated. The score was 16-2. The two team members who scored for North were Leslie Pulver, sophomore, and Aubrey VanCleave, freshman.

Roller, deck hockey becoming popular in Fort Wayne

DEREK RITTENHOUSE
Sports Reporter

Roller hockey and deck hockey are rapidly becoming a popular sport among people aging from 6 years old to 46 years old.

In Ft. Wayne there is a place where young and older people go and take out there aggression on there oponents. Blue Line Deck Hockey Arena on Ley Road is in its third year of operation and is reaping the profits from the demand of outdoor hockey

enthusiasts.

"In Ft. Wayne there really wasn't a place where kids could go to play roller hockey in a safe environment," said Blue Line manager Mark Pannukuk.

The actual playing surface is made out of tiles that have holes in it, when it rains you can still play on it unless it is raining really hard. On certain days the tile can have a lot of dust on it, which makes the tile very slippery and hard to make quick turns.

Unlike ice hockey there is no

Plexi-glass, instead there is just netting to keep the ball or puck in play. Another big difference between ice hockey and roller hockey is that the lines are switched in roller hockey. Instead of the center line being red, its blue, and instead of the two blue lines being blue they are red. For ice hockey players, that aspect of the game takes some getting used to.

"I'm was so used to playing ice hockey, that it took me about a game to get used to the lines being switched," said senior Tom Konger.

In roller hockey there is more contact and often it is harder to stop, some players use the boards to stop, whether they mean to or not.

Deck hockey can be played just about anywhere, all you need is a pair of shoes, gloves and a stick. In deck hockey there is a lot of running and the same amount of stiff competition. Often times it is just as ruff as roller hockey, and you do not have the protection as you do in roller hockey.

"In every game, I have had at

least a twisted ankle, a floor burn or some other injury," added Konger.

Tempers flare as with any other sport, deck and roller hockey have their share of short-tempered goons. Blue Line enforces stiff penalties for checking and fighting.

"We try to curb the violence that is associated with hockey. We make sure that penalties are enforced when there is unnessesary contact made, said Blue Line manager Dan Havekotte.

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As year winds down, obligations must be paid



MRS. LYNN DINIT and Amy Witzgreuter, senior, talk about Amy's diploma. Photo by Chrissy Francies.

JAMIE FORD
News Reporter

Senior obligations are to be paid in the Treasurer's office by Friday, June 2.

Seniors who do not take care of their obligations by June 2, will not receive their diploma inserts. Seniors should stop in the Treasurer's office, which is located in the Principal's office to see if they have any obligations.

A few types of senior obligations deal with the following: books not returned, book fees, sports obligations, fund-raising and band fees.

Mrs. Joan Berning, Treasurer,

said, "This is my first year as Treasurer and it's a really busy time, but as each thing comes along, I'll know what to expect in the future. I enjoy this job because I get to talk to the students."

Mrs. Berning sends out letters to seniors as a notice. If the obligations are not paid, she gives a notice directly to students.

All obligations should be paid in cash or money order. The obligations can be paid in full or gradually.

If seniors have obligations with band or choir the obligations can be paid to Miss Margaret Buttermore, Mr. Larry Kenner, or Mr. Ed King. If library fines are due, they can be taken care of in the Media Center.

Attention Seniors

Important Dates:

May 31: Senior Dinner, 7:30 p.m. at Picasso's in the Market place of Caterbury.

June 2: All Obligations are due.

June 6: Finals-eriods 1, 3 & 5.

June 7: Finals-periods 2, 4 & 6. Last day of school.

June 8: Morning practice, 9 a.m. Evening roll call, 7:15 p.m.

Important Reminders:

• Graduation Requirements

ALL graduation requirements must be met in order to go through commencement. Also, all obligations must be paid in order to receive a diploma.

• Graduation Conduct

Inappropriate behavior on the part of unfeeling and uncaring individuals giving backhanded "tributes" to their friends will spoil the dignity and simple beauty of this ceremony. No individual recognitions should be made. There will be a place in the program for everyone to applaud the class of 1995.

• Graduation Gowns

Hang graduation gowns several days before the exercise so wrinkles will fall out. Any remaining wrinkles can be removed by pressing with a steam iron on the wrong side of the fabric.

• Graduation Apparel

Men should wear a white shirt, a tie, dark pants and dark shoes. Women should wear a dress and white or bone shoes. No flowers, medals or jewelry are to be on the cap or gown. No one should wear jeans or gym shoes or chew gum.

• Graduation Location

Graduation will be at the Allen County Memorial Coliseum in the Main Arena. Seniors should leave early in order to arrive for roll call by 7:15 p.m.

• Photographs

A professional photographer will be on the floor taking a picture of each graduate receiving his or her diploma. Proofs will be sent to the graduate's home

ERIN MCATEE
News Editor

At the annual recognition program Tuesday night, this years' Valedictorian and Salutatorian broke the tradition of two lengthy speeches and instead made one brief speech together.

Valedictorian Laura Helmke and Salutatorian Ardua Harris decided to combine their speeches and made one speech about life and what the future holds for the graduating class of 1995.

As for their own futures, Ardua plans to attend Dartmouth University and major in psychology. She's not quite sure what she wants beyond that.

Laura is planning to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, majoring in political science and/or international relations. She, too, is not sure where she would like to go beyond that.

Over the course of these seniors four years at North, they have had to overcome many adversities.

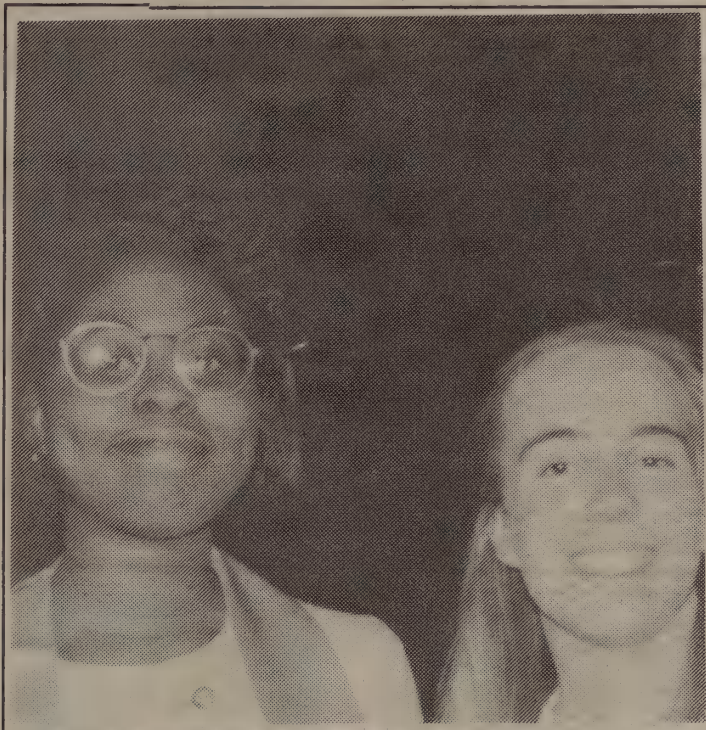
Ardua feels that her biggest problems were dealing with her own doubts, insecurities, and the race issue. In the same vain, she feels that her greatest accomplishment has been "surviving and staying sane."

Laura feels that one of her biggest challenges has been getting over the title of being the mayor's daughter. She has had labels put on her because of that and she has had to not let these labels and pre-made opinions get her down.

Laura said that her fondest memories of her years at North Side have been all of the plays and musicals that she has been involved in.

Although Ardua is honored to have been chosen as Salutatorian, she is not overly excited about it. "It is not who I am and it's not how I want to be remembered," she said.

Laura feels similarly about being Valedictorian. "It's nice to have accomplished, it helped me get into the school I wanted," she said. However, she said that she doesn't think about it much. It's also not how she wants to be remembered.



ARDUA HARRIS AND Laura Helmke stand together at the awards banquet Tuesday night. Photo by Alyssa Schroeder.

trumpet with Maynard Ferguson.

• **African American Club** members are invited to take a trip to Six Flags near Chicago on June 3. Students must pay a \$22.50 admission fee to the park which must be paid when the reservations are made. Today is the last day for reservations, so see Mrs. Epps or Tanga Mitchell.

• **Attention seniors**, this is your last chance to get together as a class before graduation. The Senior Banquet, at Picasso's in the Marketplace of Canterbury, includes dinner, awards, and dancing, and takes place May 31 at 7:30. The cost is \$11 and tickets will be sold from now until May 31 at the front steps before school.

Newsline

• **Students who pre-registered** for the Local Government Seminar class for the summer need to decide if they still want to enroll. Formal applications need to be filled out by today in the attendance office. If there are any questions,

see Mr. Evans in room 224.

• **Due to lack of chaperones and interest**, the junior class trip has been canceled.

• **Tonight, the Wildsiders Jazz Band** presents an Evening of Jazz with Jazz Bands II, III, and Wildsiders. The concert will feature North Side Alumnus Craig Johnson, former lead

Recognition Night a success; but long

On Tuesday the 22nd, North Side held it's annual Recognition Night for seniors and some select few underclassmen who were deserving of recognition.

To say that the event was immensely enjoyable would be untrue, but it definitely had more good than I had imagined when going into it.

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I think those who were recognized get a little self-esteem boost, and being a senior, or even an underclassmen with senior friends, it was nice to be with your fellow students in some sort of formal atmosphere. Sort of like the prom, but not nearly as fun (tongue firmly in cheek).

There were of course the usual stumbles and bumbles in speech and introduction, but they are forgivable and at the least they served as a distraction and conversation piece for those would otherwise be snoring.

The speech given by Valedictorian Laura Helmke and Salutatorian Ardua Harris was one of the best I've ever heard, *really*, because although it paid homage to our school and gave credit to the four years that seniors have almost completed, it stayed away from the hind-end smooching that may normally be expected of such a speech.

Also, the quote they had of high school not being the end and there being so much more ahead of us really fit into that idea. This truly is the beginning, and it was nice of them to name North Side as a good base for productive lives.

Of course, during the course of the night, we had the funny-boys when they got up on stage, but their levity was greatly appreciated by all I'm sure.

All in all, the event was worthwhile, but in future years it may be in the interest of everyone to try and streamline it just a tad.

Guest Column



LUCAS PERKINS
Features
Reporter

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North Side in Review: Cheers and Jeers

ARДУА HARRIS
AND
RITA MAGSAMEN

This is the time of the year for reflections. So we decided to, well, reflect. What follows is a list of the good and not so good things that have occurred at North Side this year--our version of cheers and jeers.

Cheers--To the administrators for not closing the lunch mods

Cheers--To Miss Amy Swihart for filling some very tough 'combat boots'

Jeers--To the new tardy policy

Jeers--To girls sports not getting enough respect

Cheers--To the new additions to the school i.e. dance studio and multi-purpose rooms

Cheers--To the guidance office and all the help they have given to seniors in the college process

Jeers--To not being able to throw hats up at graduation

Cheers--To Dr. Thomas Fowler-Finn for not bringing drug dogs to North Side

Cheers--To the International Exchange Program

Cheers--To North Side for getting involved with the Fort project

Jeers--To the busy work some teachers doled out

Cheers--To adding mass communications to the curriculum

Cheers--To Mike Morris for adding minority and women authors to his English syllabus next year

Jeers--To any students who caused

problems at lunch and almost ruined it for the rest of us

Cheers--To Nita Auer's nomination for teacher of the year

Cheers--To the boys' basketball team for making it to semi-state

Cheers--To the marching band for breaking their eighth place curse, placing 7th

Jeers--For having to make up the snow day

Jeers--For seniors not a getting out a couple of days early before graduation

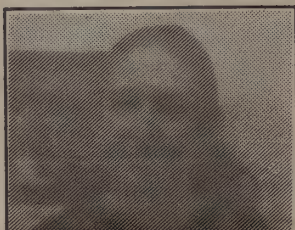
Cheers--To Adam Lauer for being the first from North to go to state in swimming

Cheers--To all the North Side staff who gave students personal time and attention

Cheers--To the class of '95

Off the Record...

"What do you
think of Recognition
night?"



Kristen Morris, freshman

"I think it's great that people who deserve recognition, get it."



Jessica Steffen, sophomore

"I think it's nice because I would like to win an award myself."



Alex Raftree, senior

"It's good because some students never realize their potential or ability until someone else shows it to them."



Rich Brown, senior

"I'm glad it's mandatory because it gives people a chance to realize how talented some people really are."



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Seniors prepare for grad parties

DANIELLE ENGLISH
Editor-In-Chief

It's that time of year where there actually is something to do on the weekends. Graduation parties are here and many people are looking forward to them.

Almost anything can happen at these parties. The activities range from talking and dancing to eating food, socializing, and playing basketball.

Usually when graduation parties take place, family comes over during the day and friends come over at night, according to Tony Didier, senior.

Contrary to popular belief, not just family and seniors are wel-

come at these parties, underclassmen are welcome too, according to Cory Roberts, senior.

Crysta Waikel, junior, disagrees with Cory. "It depends on how big the party is and how well you know the person who is having it. Some underclassmen are welcome, but not all," she said.

Sometimes there are more than just one party to attend in one night. This sometimes poses a problem.

Tony said, "I would try to make it to all of the parties and stay a little while at each party."

Crysta described a party that she had been to in the past: "There was a moonwalk, swimming, drinking and dancing."

The ultimate graduation party was described by Cory as just having "a lot of fine girls there."

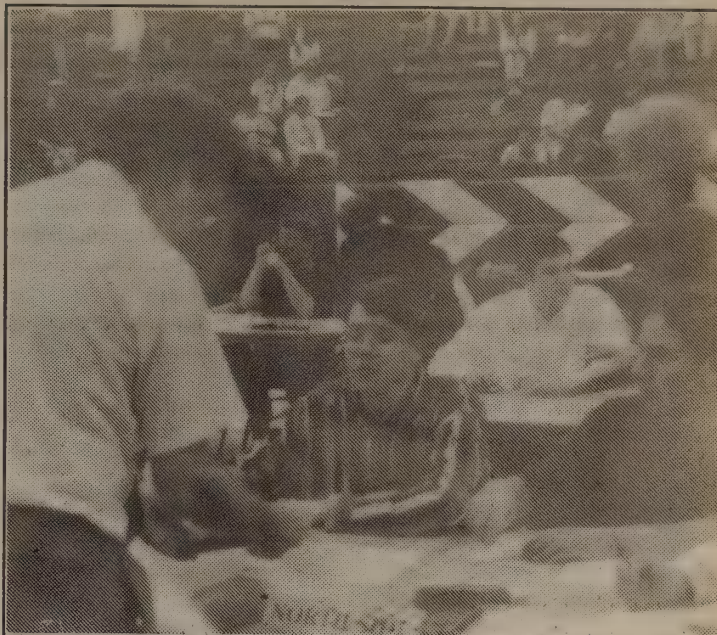
Tony said for it to be an ultimate party there would have to be bungee jumping.

Everyone seems to enjoy these parties because for some they have to say their goodbyes before their friends leave for college.

"Sometimes it's the last time you'll get to see your friends," said Cory.

No gifts or dates are usually required at these parties, just yourself and fun.

There are several predictions for the biggest bash this year. The rumors are flying around the school, just put your ear to the ground.



MEMBERS OF THE Academic Super Bowl prepare for competition.
Photo by Chrissy Francies

Lights. Camera. Action!

Summer movie madness begins with action flicks

AARON MARTZ
Features Reporter

As school comes to an end and the summer to a beginning, the entertainment world starts its summer movie line up with two big actioners, *Crimson Tide* and *Die Hard With a Vengeance*.

In the latter, Bruce Willis reprises his roll as New York cop John McClane for the third time. This time around, the usual chlosthobia of the series is confined not to a single structure, but to all of New York City.

The plot of the movie, which is playing at Coldwater Crossing, is taken directly from *Dirty Harry*, having Willis' cop being run around the city with a black store owner named Zeus, played by Samuel L. Jackson, as they search for bombs planted by a terrorist named Simon.

The movie will most likely

receive criticism for portraying random bombings in a large city due to the Oklahoma City incident, but there is no reason for it since this is only one out of probably more than a dozen action movies to be released this summer involving explosions and death.

Based upon a script called "Simon Says", the movie is a roller coaster ride of outrageous action sequences and blood drenched fights, but unfortunately it is not with the same spirit of the first two films, and Willis' character is too pompous and arrogant rather than laid back as he was particularly in the first movie.

The movie's action scenes are layered on top of each other without halt, and most have absolutely no build up to them, and as a result, only a shock effect and no real value.

The fight scenes as well are either lamely staged or overly gory, and for no particular reason but to

reach the same height of blood that the first two movies had.

One well-filmed scene has McClane in an elevator with four of five thugs. The chlosthobia of the first movies returns in its brilliance for a few minutes here, and the pure bloody mayhem as well. But only for a few minutes, and the rest of the movie is just one cliché after another.

The summer will be full of action epics of every sort from medieval bloodfests such as Mel Gibson's three-hour *Braveheart*, which opens May 24, to kiddie adventures like *Casper* and *The Mighty Morphin' PowerRangers*.

As June begins, moviegoers can look forward to such big action movies as *Batman Forever*, *Mortal Kombat*, *Judge Dredd*, and Kevin Costner's \$175 million dollar post-apocalyptic *Mad Max-in-the-water* film *Waterworld*.

On a more serious note, Tom

Hanks returns in the Ron Howard film *Apollo 13*, about the true story of a space expedition. This could possibly mean another Oscar for Hanks after *Philadelphia* and *Forrest Gump*.

In the past few summers there have been surprise hits such as *Speed*, and suprise flops such as *Blown Away*. Just because a movie has explosions does not guarantee it will be a success, but generally if a movie has blood, bombs, and an R rating, it will make more than another kiddie movie about a dog travelling across the country looking for its family.

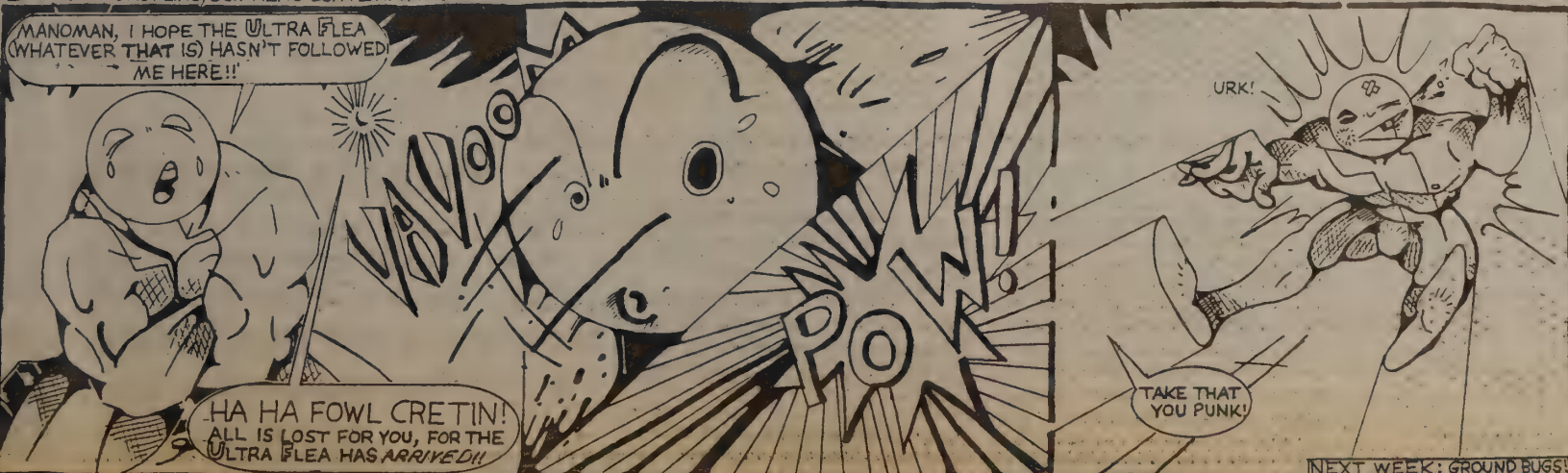
So far this season hit films include *Outbreak*, *Bad Boys*, and the summer's first hit, *Crimson Tide*, so the pattern of blood, foul language, and suspense has already begun.

If this summer is anything like the last few, people should explode into the theatres and hand over their six dollars per ticket without even thinking about it.

Check these other action flicks out at your local video store:

1. Terminator
2. Terminator 2: Judgment Day
3. Speed
4. Blown Away
5. Lethal Weapon
6. Die Hard
7. Last Action Hero
8. Predator
9. Cliffhanger
10. Demolition Man

STOMACH GROWLING, OUR HERO CONTEMPLATES A TRIP BACK TO HIS SHIP IN SEARCH OF MORE CINNAMON APPLESAUCE...





Tennis takes sectional championship for fourth consecutive year

CHRISTY MILLS
Sports Reporter

The girls' tennis team was named Sectional Champions for the fourth consecutive year this past weekend as they defeated Carroll, Leo, and Concordia.

The team defeated Carroll 5-0. Robin Kilgore won 6-1, 6-1; Holly Belchner won 7-5, 6-3; April Hatch won 6-0, 6-4; Jill Hudson and Linnea Hatch won 6-3, 6-0; and Danielle English and Andrea Michaeloff defeated their opponents in three matches 6-2, 1-6, 6-3.

"We did really well," said Coach Jerry Gerig. "We hadn't played for a week so I was curious of how we'd play."

He said a morale booster for the team was Robin because she won the very first match 6-1, 6-1.

"That got the team started and they came out strong and won," said Coach Gerig.

The ladies defeated Leo 4-1 on Saturday. All of the Redskin members won except for the number three singles position. Danielle and Andrea dominated their opponents 6-1, 6-2 while April was defeated by hers 3-6, 1-6.

"Leo was tougher. The matches were set up well because as we progressed, the teams became tougher," said Coach Gerig.

He said the number one doubles team, Jill and Linnea, had a big win against their opponents because in

the two previous to the match the same members defeated them.

He added that the number two doubles, Danielle and Andrea, quickly won their match 6-1, 6-2, "which allowed them to get off the court fast and really got the team going."

In the championship game, the team pulled together and defeated the Concordia Cadets 4-1. Jill and Linnea almost had a perfect victory 6-0, 6-2, but on the downside Danielle and Andrea were defeated 6-7, 6-2, 2-6.

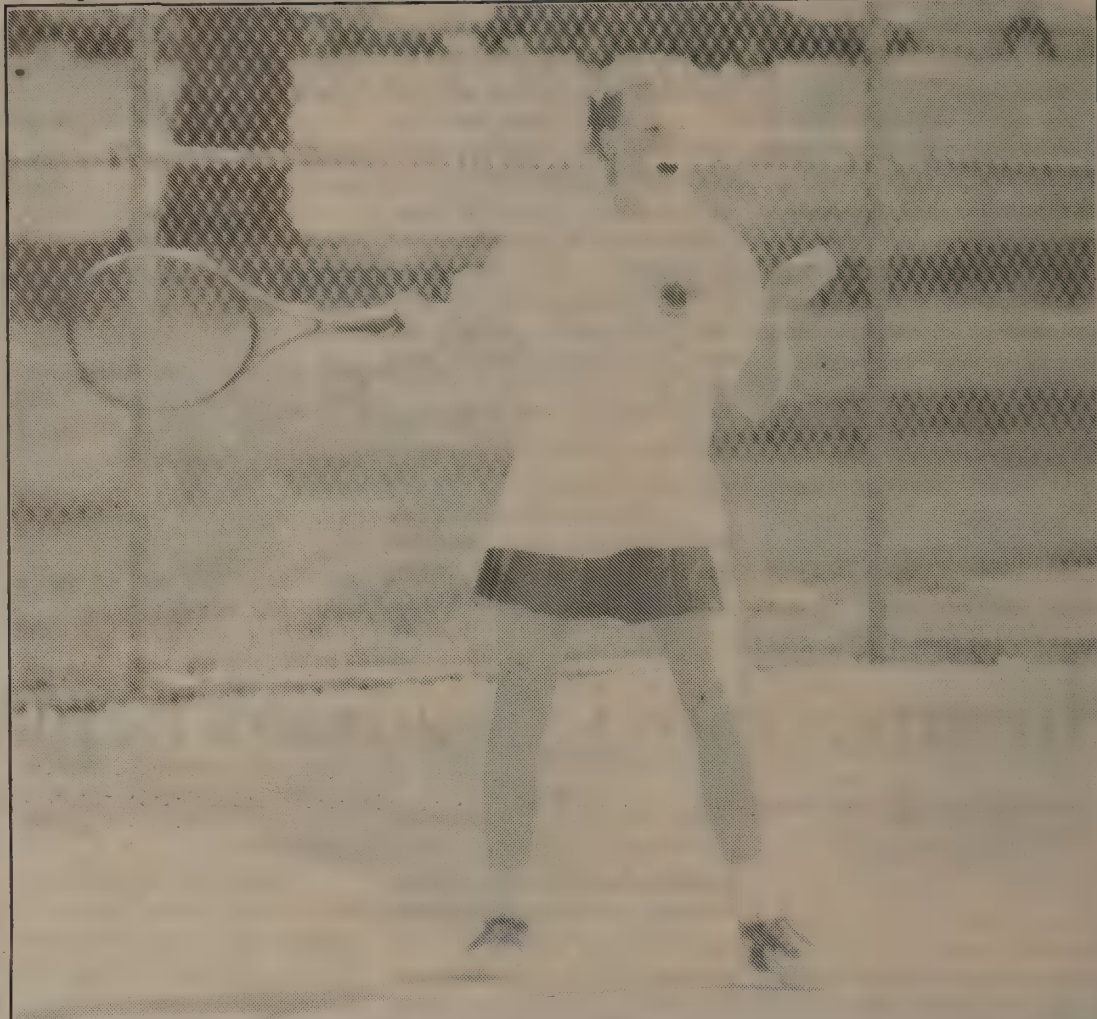
"This match was pretty tight," said Coach Gerig. "Just previous to our match with them, [Concordia] played a tough match against Dwenger which helped us out a lot."

He continued, "Jill and Linnea dominated their opponents and really got the team going. They played their best three matches of the season this weekend. April had a solid match and Holly also had a big win to her opponent to whom she lost to two weeks prior."

Not only has this year been the fourth consecutive year the team has won the Sectional Championship, but the team has also won the last ten matches out of 11 in a row.

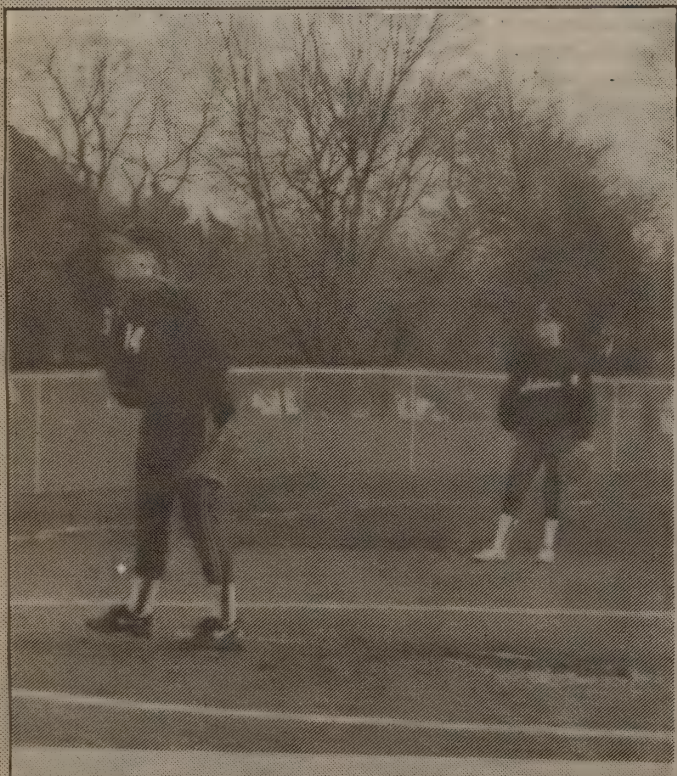
"It feels really good to win sectionals," said Coach Gerig.

"I was really nervous and again I was concerned on how we'd do, but we have a strong team and we came out on top and won. This is the best the team has played all season," Coach Gerig said.



ANDREA MICHAEOFF, JUNIOR hits the ball at the sectional competition last weekend. The tennis team won sectionals with a score of 4-1. Photo by Jason Tearman

■ Batter Up



SENIOR ANGELA STINSON prepares to pitch at a recent game. The softball team lost sectionals in the first game against Bishop Luers. Photo by Chrissy Francies

Boys' track looking forward to Regionals

DEREK RITTENHOUSE
Sports Reporter

The boys' track team finished 3rd with 90 points May 18 at the North Side Sectional track meet.

Junior Javon Martin placed first in the 100 meter dash. Other first place winners were the 1600 meter relay team consisting of senior Javon Hill, juniors Javon Martin, Lorenzo Smith, and sophomore Thomas Milton. Sophomore Omar Bass also won a first place medal for his efforts in the long jump.

The 400 meter relay team of Martin, juniors Cameron Curry, Don'te Dixon, and Lorenzo Smith also earned first place awards.

Coming in second place in the discus and third in the shot put was senior Andre Oates.

Oates believes he has a good chance at the Regionals and eventually reaching the state finals.

"I think my chances are very good. I'm used to being at the Regionals. The competition is good, but I think I can make it to state," said Oates.

Also earning a second place finish was senior Eric Derrow in the

shot put.

For some seniors on the team the Regionals will be their last chance to earn a trip to the state finals. That could cause a lot of pressure on the runners, but it doesn't seem to be effecting them too much.

"Well, I feel that I should do good. I'm not worried about it. I'll just go around that," said senior Javon Hill.

Oates also believes there is not that much pressure, even though this is his last year.

"This is my third time at Regionals, so there isn't really any pressure. I'm just going to do my best," said Oates.

The outlook is optimistic for

them to put runners in the state finals according to boys' track team coach Mr. Keith Scott.

"We are very optimistic about all those kids advancing to state. We are going into the meet seeded pretty high, the top three teams go and or automatic qualifying times, and we are right in the hunt for either or," said Scott.

The team competed in Regionals yesterday at Wayne High School.

They competed against teams from the Goshen, East Noble, Wayne, and North Side sectionals. The top three qualifiers in each division will go on to Indianapolis and the state finals on June 6 at 4:00 p.m.

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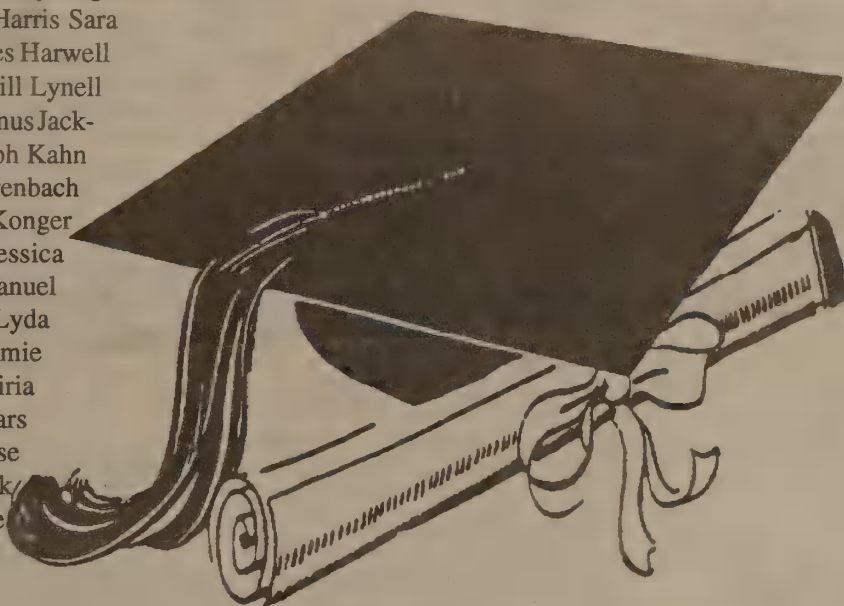
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Perfect Attendance For 1994-95

The following students have displayed their dedication to education by being at school every day, as of May 26.

Junior students include Alexander Babich, Matthew Cashdollar, Mystee Howell, Leodis Key, Aaron Martz, and Josh Rowlett. **Sophomore students include** Denise Blanchard, Andrew Bosk, James Cashdollar, Stacy Clegg, Braidon Ferrier, April Hollenbeck, Jamie Jerraid, John Minnich, Erin Tebbe, and Thang Tran. **Freshmen students include** Matthew Byers, Teresa Calhoun, Amy Claypool, Summer Honor, Laura Lash, Robert Millet, Shannon Morris, Stephanie Myers, Antisha Oates, Adrian Sanders, Carly Statz, Michael Stratmeier, Brandy Stronczek, Byron Wendling.

Newsline

•Any senior who is not cation for the Cadet Teach- planning to participate in ing class for next year. This Commencement Ceremo- class offers students the nies at the Coliseum needs opportunity to work with to see Mrs. Dimit as soon North Side's feeder schools. as possible. She will be This class will be offered typing the seating chart 6th period next year. next week and she needs •Don't forget to remem- this information. ber that special person in •Any student who is your life with a carnation, interested in the field of sold by the girls' and boys' education should go to soccer teams. The cost is room 334 to get an appli- \$1 each.

Teachers, students get "P's"

DANIELLE ENGLISH
Editor-In-Chief

Throughout my four years here I have had the opportunity to be in some fabulous classes with remarkable teachers. Now I would like to thank them for all that they do.

Mr. Dave Bierbaum needs to be commended for his strictness with students and his ability to make them learn, whether they want to or not. I was always scared not to know the answer in his class. His methods of teaching are excellent. Thank you Mr. Bierbaum for making me scared not to know Pythagorean's theorem.

Mr. Dean Slavens also needs to be commended for his respect for students. Throughout the whole school no other teacher is more concerned with how a student is performing in school and out. He treats students as adults. They say that advanced biology is a college course, well in his room I actually did feel like I was taking a college course.

Miss Amy Swihart had huge shoes to fill this year and she did it almost flawlessly. Despite this being her first year teaching, she took on the publications department with much knowledge and in turn she recieved much respect. I must thank you for all that you have done for the department and wish you many more years of success.

To Mr. Ron Flickinger, you've been a great counselor for me ever since middle school. Not very many students can say they have had the same counselor for seven years. You are very easy to talk to and you settled many of my qualms about college. Thank you for making the transfer from high school to college a lot easier to handle. I respect you and your ethics a great deal. The fact that you don't back down to authority is admired.

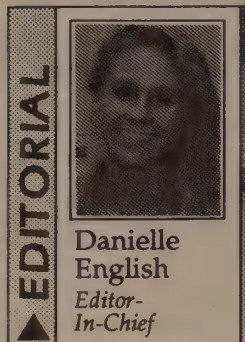
I will miss many things about North Side, but most of all the atmosphere of my friends. I have to send out some shouts to my girls. Holly and Jessica, best wishes to you at IU. Don't forget you are there to study, not party. Angie and Jenny, have fun at Ball State. The rest of us are staying here to go to IPFW. Good luck girls!

To the tennis team. Way to go ladies! The times spent on the courts were the best in my life. Thank you Andrea for putting up with me for two whole years. You are the greatest and I will miss you emensly.

To the guy's: the basketball team made me proud this year. Thanks for making it so far. Good luck at Louisville Josh, I'm so proud of you! Best wishes Clif. I'm glad St. Francis has to take care of you now.

Thanks to all of the rest of the senior class. The past four years have been irreplaceable ones in my heart. I hope you all feel the same. Thank you again and goodbye.

Do all you can to create gold memories



Despite the general opinion of seniors, I am going to miss this school so very much.

Every place I look I remember something that happened to me over these four years. Even in the stair wells I walk down I remember.

When I was an awkward,

very self-conscience freshman, I tripped and fell up the steps rushing to get to Mrs. Willyard's class. All of my books scattered across the steps and I had to pick them up while people were stepping over me and on my books. I think everyone has a story like this one where they fell on the steps. If you don't, you will by the time you graduate.

It didn't really hit me until I started work on this issue of *The Northerner*, which is the last one, that the year is over for me and I'm done with my high school career. This obviously made me nostalgic and very sad.

I can look back and say that I should have done this or I shouldn't have done that, but that wouldn't help me any. It would, however, help you.

My first bit of information to the classes remaining is to do all you can. I can't tell enough people to

try out for that team, ask that person out on a date, or set your goals for the honor roll. Do everything your heart desires because soon you'll be in the same position as I am now, regretting things not done, or for that matter, even tried.

When you do all the things you want to do you'll create fond memories that you'll cherish forever. Believe me, those memories will be made of gold.

Go to all of the games and to all of those dances. Make your class trip happen and for god sake don't miss any of the semi-formals or proms. Ask a guy yourself, or take a girl as a friend. Just don't not go.

What happens in this school and the memories you create here are up to you. So make them of pure gold. Don't ever hold back because then it will be too late.

We all know what a pain this paper can be sometimes, but we also know how much fun it is putting the thing together. The times we had in good old Room 113 are going to be locked in my memory forever. Thanks for all of your help in the publication of *The Northerner*.

Katy-You're the greatest. How do you do it all?

Ardua-Started any good controversies lately?

Derek-You're so cool. I wish you would have joined our realm sooner.

Lucas-Stay profound. You're so interesting that way.

Jason-Can you get it done in time?

Erin-Meet any good guys at work lately?

Aaron-Why are you hiding back there?

Alyssa-You're forgiven now.

Chrissy-Thanks for your help.

Christy-Don't worry Christy, I like you.

Jamie-Stop making your stories so long!

Rita-Thanks for all of your help.

Jeremy-I mean ad boy, thanks for all that you contributed.

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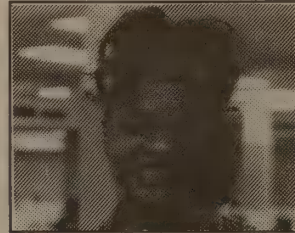
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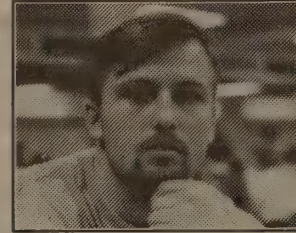
Antrell Simpson, senior
'Just kickin' it with my boys.'



Jason Mears, senior
'The fun I had with my boys during Homecoming.'



Jesonya Baltimore, senior
'When I went to Florida with the 'Wave of Distinction'.'



Josh Richardson, senior
'From going to one girl to the next and so on.'



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NORTH SIDE RECOGNITION NIGHT

To honor students who have made achievements through the 1994-95 academic year, awards were given to students at the annual recognition night. The next four pages contain the names of awards and their recipients. All photos were taken and processed by Chrissy Francies

Highest Honors

These are the people who achieved an accumulated grade-point average of 11.0 or higher.

Recipients... *Darcy Towsley, Laura Helmke, Ardua Harris, Brendan Thomason, Travis Roth, and Jason Mears*

High Honors

These are the people who achieved an accumulated grade-point average of 10.0 or higher.

Recipients... *Paul McComas, Renee Myers, Linnea Hatch, Jason Hemsoth, Alex Rafree, Amanda Gilliland, Cheryl Helton, Abigail Butler, Kelly Francher, Benjamin Myer, Jamie Pittner, Samantha Lauer, Alissa Schultz, Jason Chapman, and Samantha Walker*

Honors

These are the people who achieved an accumulative grade-point average of 9.0 or higher.

Recipients... *Erin Riley, Bree Snyder, Joseph Watts, Tuan Tran, Amy Stein, Chris Straub, Kim Lamb, Mary Pink, Matt Carboni, Brandon Rentfrow, Shonda Newsome, Michel Weaver, Amy Witzgrueter, Jeffry Niswonger, Rachelle Grismore, Jennifer Koehlinger, Brad Ferrier, and Jessica Shipley*

Valedictorian and Salutatorian

This honor goes to the two top senior students.

Recipients... *Laura Helmke valedictorian, and Ardua Harris salutatorian*

DECA Award

The Marketing Education/DECA program recognizes the students who are successful both on the job and in the classroom as the "Students of the Year." The awards are presented on the basis of academics, ability, responsibility, and reliability.

Recipient... *Sara Schriefer*

Daniel G. Howe Dance Award

This dance award is a tribute to Mr. Howe's commitment and dedication to the area of performing arts and is presented to three students

Recipients... *Rachelle Haner*

Michael Telvin Dance Award

This award recognizes Mr. Telvin's dedication and commitment to the North Side Dance Program. It is presented to two individuals who have high achievements in the area of ballet.

Recipients... *Jessica Page and Nikkiya Elzey*

Mathematics Award

This award is presented to a student who has been outstanding in the study of math throughout his/her high school career and who plans to pursue a career involving the study of math.

Recipient... *Laura Helmke*

Scholastic Art Award

This award is given to students whose work was selected for exhibition in the Northeastern Indiana Regional Competition

Recipients... *Julie Junk and Chris Houck*

Social Studies Honors Award

This award recognizes the outstanding student in social studies

Recipient... *Adam Lauer*

Current Events

This award is presented to the student who has the highest scores on the U.S. News & World Report and 21-Alive current events quiz.

Recipient... *Graham Fredrick*

Lewinski English Cup

This award is given to the student who performs best on a three-hour essay examination on the basis of quality of work and grades in English classes.

Recipient... *Laura Helmke*

Martone Creative Writing Award

This award is given in honor of Dr. Patty Martone for her accomplishments in the Fort Wayne Community Schools.

Recipients... *Matthew Arter and Brad Ferrier*

Home Economics Award

This award is given to seniors who majored in home economics and whose work in all areas of homemaking has been exemplary.

Recipient... *Adrienne Miles*

Quill and Scroll

This award is the highest honor a journalism student can achieve.

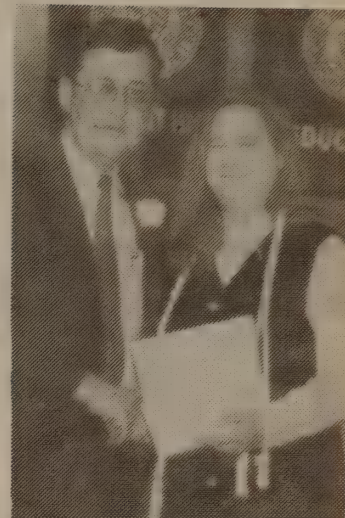
Recipients... *Laura Helmke, Ardua Harris, Jana Farrell, and Jeromy Graft*



Laura Helmke



Ardua Harris



Jamie Pittner



High Honors



Honors

**Arion Orchestra Award**

This award is given to the senior who expresses superior scholarship and character.

Recipient... *Jamie Pittner*

Arion Choir Award

This award is given to the senior who expresses superior scholarship and character

Recipient... *Marcus Weemes*

Louis Armstrong Jazz Award

This award is given for outstanding musician ship.

Recipient... *Brandon Rentfrow*

Earth Science Award

This award recognizes a student who is outstanding in the study of Earth Sciences... *Adam Lauer*

St. Francis Art Award

Recipient... *Brad Ferrier*

Smuts Industrial Tech Award

This award is given to the outstanding senior who has majored on industrial arts.

Recipient... *Jason Hart*

Edwards Industrial Tech Award

This award is given to the student who has created the most outstanding project as determined by order of placement in the Indiana Industrial Education Association project contest.

Recipient... *James Fiedler*

Mary Hirsch Quinn Award

Mary Quinn was a North Side parent who deicated her life to improving the quality of life for all people. It is given to commemorate the dedication of this noble women.

Recipient... *Toni Berger*

Leadership Award

The student is selected on the basis of high standards of performance, dedication, and on their creative ability to plan and execute a program. The Student Leadership Trophy is not presented each year. Only when the recipient influences a wide range of people will the award be made.

Recipient... *Jason Mears, Tanganika Mitchell*

Best Thespian Award

This award is given to honor the individual who has done the most for theater as an actor in the various productions.

Recipient... *Marcus Weemes*

Himmelstein Trophy

This is the highest award given by the National Forensics League Chapter at North Side. It is awarded to the person who has been the most outstanding in speech competition for four years.

Recipient... *Laura Helmke*

National School Orchestra Award

This award is given in recognition of singular merit and outstanding contributions to the success of the school orchestra, for displaying an unusual degree of loyalty and cooperation, and for exemplifying that high standard of conduct that is the aim of the instrumental program.

Recipient... *Matthew Carboni*

National School Choral Award

This award is given in recognition of singular merit, ability, and achievement, and of outstanding contributions to the school vocal program.

Recipient... *Nicholas Hartman*

Bell Art Award

The Art Department has created the Margorie Bell Award for that student art major who has demonstrated exceptional talent and skill and who shows promise in the pursuit of the arts.

Recipient... *Brad Ferrier*

Matthew D. Dew Industrial Technology Award

The plaque is given to the outstanding graduating senior planning to pursue a technology degree at an institution of higher learning.

Recipient... *Bradley Seibt*

Wagner Color Guard Award

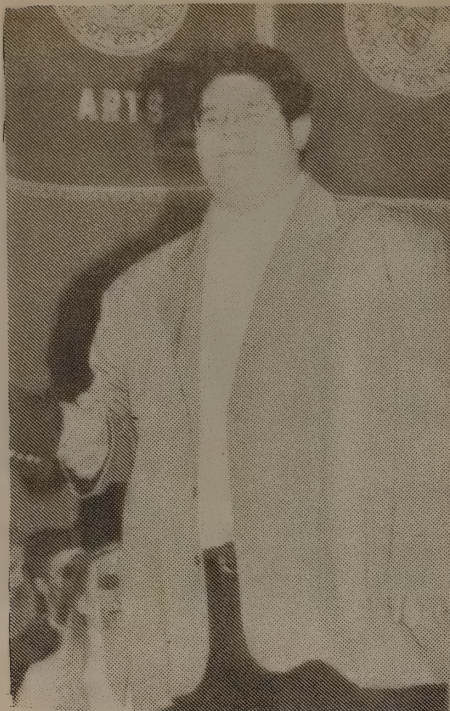
It is presented to the most outstanding color guard members.

Recipients... *Cheryl McClure, Erin Riley*

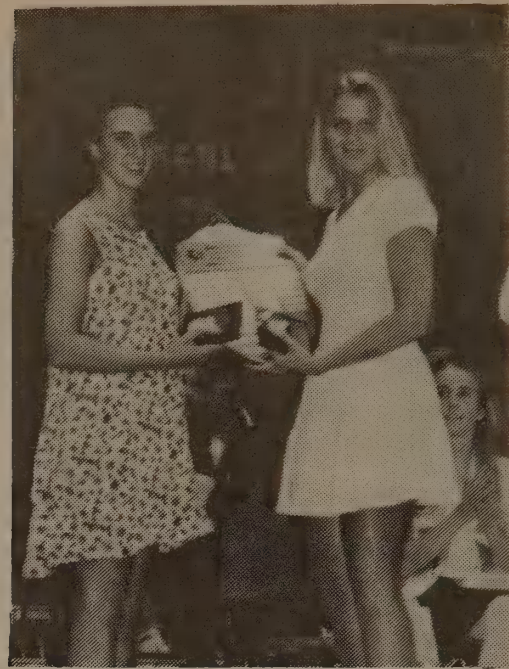
Outstanding Stage Technician

It is presented to the student who has made the most contributions behind the scenes in the Performing Arts.

Recipient... *Marcus Weemes*



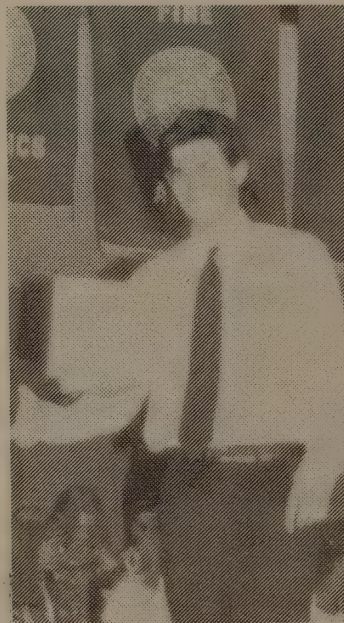
Brad Ferrier



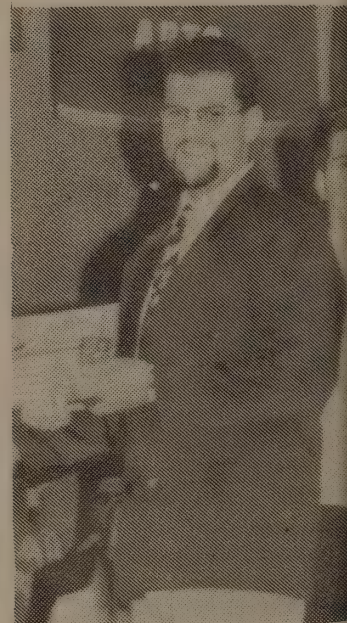
Erin Riley and Cheryl McClure



Jason Mears



Bradon Rentfrow



Nick Hartman



Jason Hart, Jimmy Fiedler

**Sousa Band Award**

This award is given in recognition of outstanding achievement and interest in instrumental music, for singular merit in loyalty and cooperation, and for generally displaying those high qualities.

Recipient... *Samantha Lauer*

Hoosier Scholar Award

This award is given to a student who reflects outstanding achievement and superior capability to benefit from a higher education.

Recipient... *Jason Mears, Darcy Towsley, and Brendan Thomason*

National Merit Award

This award is given in recognition of superior performance and promise for future academic attainment.

Recipients... *Darcy Towsley, Laura Helmke, Jeremy J. White, Ian Crace*

Language Awards

These awards are given to students who have excelled in their language study.

Third Year French Recipient... *Marci Lamont*

Third Year Latin Recipient...

Third Year German Recipient... *Joseph Watts*

Third Year Spanish Recipient... *Kenneth Chlebik*

Third Year Russian Recipient... *John Sheppard*

Third Year Japanese Recipient... *Sara Herstad*

Fourth Year Spanish Recipient... *Graham Fredrick*

Fourth Year German Recipient... *Adam Lauer*

Fourth Year Japanese Recipient... *Brandon Rentfrow*

Fifth Year Spanish Recipient... *Laura Helmke*

Elizabeth Little Award

This award is given to the 1994 class officers. This award is named after Miss Little who retired from North Side after giving many years of service in the classroom as well as assisting many senior classes to have meaningful and memorable activities.

Recipients... *Jason Mears, Michelle Ditaway, Temujin Lapsley, Keisha Thierry*

Most Outstanding Academic Competitor

This award goes to the team member whom the coaches choose as the competitor having the best year in at least two of these events: Spell Bowl, Problem Solving, Academic Decathlon, and Academic Superbowl

Recipient... *John Shingledecker*

Wert-Knox School Spirit Award

This award is given to students who exemplify commitment, sacrifice, concern, and leadership to classmates and community

Recipient... *Travis Weaver*

Williams College Book Award

This award is given to a junior who is in the top five percent of their class who has demonstrated intellectual leadership.

Recipient... *Mike King*

African American Club Award

This award goes to the senior who is the most active in club activities and who has the highest grade point average.

Recipient... *Tanganikya Mitchell*

Alumni Academic Award

This award is given to the ten students in each class with the highest accumulative grade point average.

Senior Recipients... *Laura Helmke, Ardua Harris, Darcy Towsley, Cheryl Helton, Jason Mears, Jason Hemsoth, Brendan Thomason, Travis Roth, Renee Myers, Kelly Francher*

Junior Recipients... *Sara Biggs, Kenneth Chlebik, Jonathan Flickinger, Sara Herstad, Mystee Howell, Tim Frank, Katy Jordan, Mike King, Marci Lamont, Ryan Voors*

Sophomore Recipients... *Stephanie Goes, John Minnich, Tasha White, Leslie Shaffer, Rebecca Blackman, Colleen Harrington, Gabriel Downs, Jessica Zimmerman, Bree Bristow, John Shingledecker*

Freshmen Recipients... *Christopher Pownall, Carrie Helmke, D. Aaron Garcia, Stacy Bean, Bethany Frank, Angela Boehme, Havilah Pauley, Christina Conway, Rebecca Blackman, and Amanda Geiger*

Bausch and Lomb Award

This award is given to a junior majoring in science with the highest scholastic standing in science subjects.

Recipient... *Kenneth Chlebik*

Arion Band Award

This award is given to the senior who expresses superior scholarship and character.

Recipient... *Benjamin Meyer*

Johnson Speech Trophy

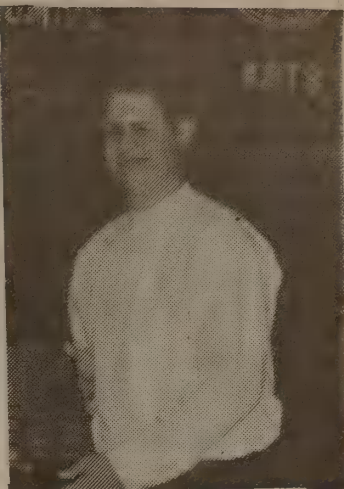
The trophy goes to the student who has shown the most improvement in four years of speech competition.

Recipient... *Jennifer Brownfield*

Special Merit Award

This award is presented to the senior who has demonstrated the most positive attitude and consistent effort in the Special Needs Department.

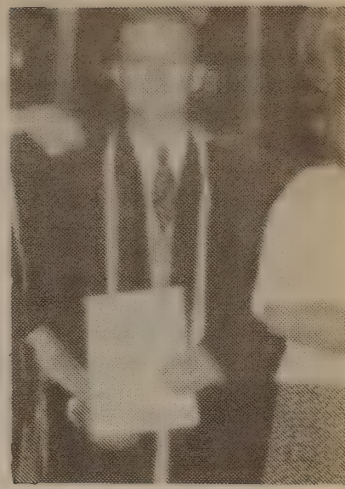
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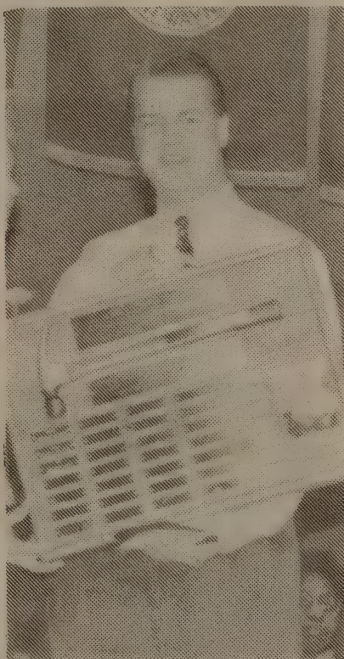
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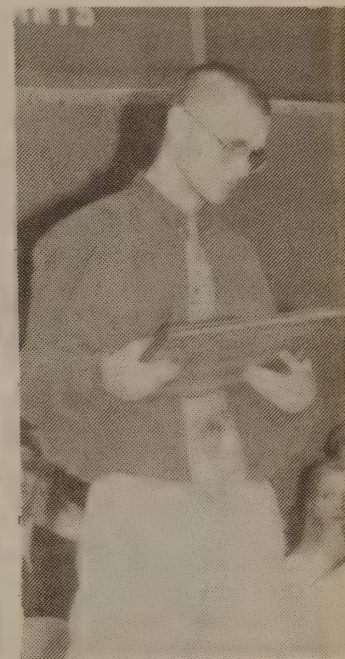
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Brad Seibt



Sarah Schriefer



John Sheppard



Amanda Gilliland



Ken Chlebik



Adam Lauer

**Outstanding P.E. Student Award**

This award goes to the students who have taken a minimum of six semesters of physical education work, have maintained a high grade-point average in physical education, and have exhibited both a high degree of good sportsmanship and the ability to work well with students and faculty.

Recipients... *Angie Stinson and Alex Raftree*

P.E. Student Leader Award

This award is given to students who exhibit a high degree of dependability and a willingness to work with others.

Recipients... *Travis Weaver and Thomas Gomez*

Computer Programming Award

This award is given to an outstanding computer programming student.

Recipient... *Andy Fish*

Beryl Lewis Chemistry Award

This award is given for outstanding performance in Chemistry I and II in memory of Mr. Lewis, who taught chemistry at North Side from January 1956 until he retired in 1989. He was always willing to go the extra mile, and he loved teaching.

Recipient... *John Shingledecker*

Kramer Physics Award

This award honors a student whose work is outstanding in physics.

Recipient... *Benjamin Meyer*

Indiana Council of Teachers of Math Award

Indiana Council of Teachers of Math recognizes two students in each high school in the state who have exhibited high achievements in all four years of mathematics.

Recipients... *Laura Helmke and Jason Mears*

Alumni Achievement Award

This award is given to ten students in each class whose first semester grade-point average was greatly improved.

Senior Recipients... *Troy Bolen, Nicole Burdett, Matt Cox, Javorius Freeman, Benjamin Gatchell, Morgan Godat, Craig Knott, Beth McComas, Josh Richardson, and Jennifer Yerkes*

Junior Recipients... *Cindy Heidenreich, Ann Marie Hoppe, Shabaz Khaliq, Chad Foster, Chris Lomont, Andrea Michaeloff, Jeff Ormsby, April Poff, John Sheppard, and Jason Tearman*

Sophomore Recipients... *Omar Bass, Patrick Burns, Jeremy Gass, Janica Hakes, Anita McMeeking, Chad Pepple, Angela Smith, Michael Thompson, and Andrea Wells*

Northrop Bussiness Trophy

This award is presented each year to a graduating senior majoring in business who has maintained the highest academic grade-point average for four years.

Recipient... *Amanda Gilliland*

Dance Awards

This award is given to a student who has shown excellence in the field of dance.

Recipients... *April Davis and Lesley Smoots*

Bradley Trophy

This award is given to a speech member who has earned the fifth degree of special distinction.

Recipient... *Laura Helmke*

Typing Award

This award is given based on several time-writing exams which follow specific contest rules.

Recipient... *John Minnich*

Journalism Award

This award goes to students who have exhibited the most progress for the year.

Recipients... *Erin McAtee, Rita Magsamen, and Jessica Blake*

Hinton Award

This award is given to the young men in the graduating class who best exemplify the characteristics set forth in the school code.

Recipients... *Keion Brooks, Brendan Thomason, and James Harwell*

Norma Thiele Dedication Award

This award is named after Miss Norma Thiele who dedicated forty years of her life and energy to North Side journalism.

Recipients... *Danielle English and Jana Farrell*

DAR Award

This award is presented by the Mary Penrose Wayne Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Recipient... *Jason Mears*

Kiwanis Award

This award is given to the outstanding citizen.

Recipient... *Laura Helmke*

Heffner Award

This award is for students involved in the international exchange program.

Recipients... *Mike King, Sara Herstad, Leslie Pulver, Ryan Voors, Mikel Kamphues, Jeremiah Schneider, Wes Swigert, Letisha Ramon, Lucas Perkins, Graham Fredrick, and Matt Jones*

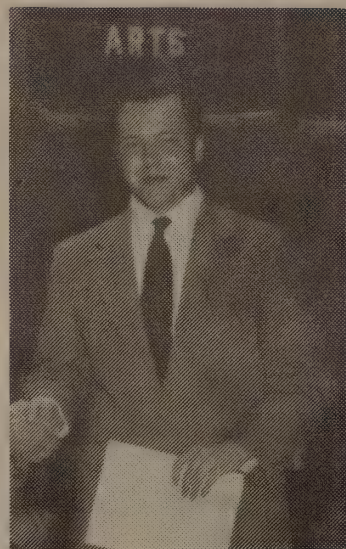
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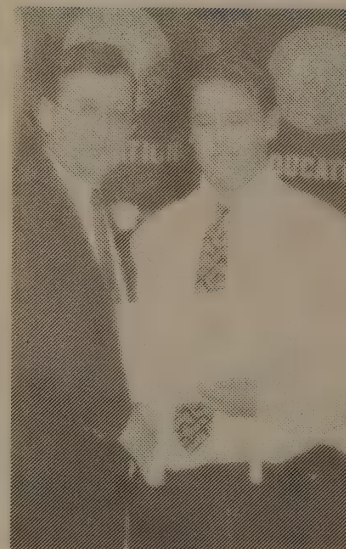
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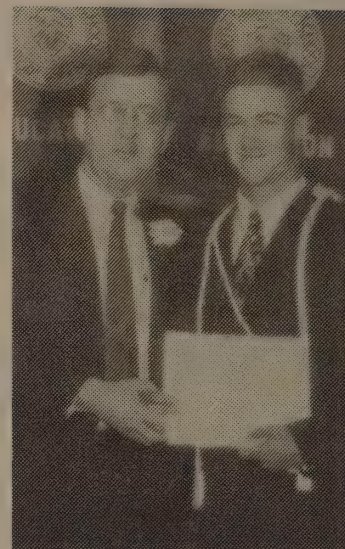
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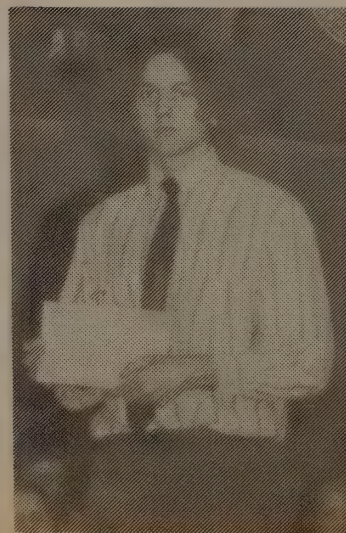
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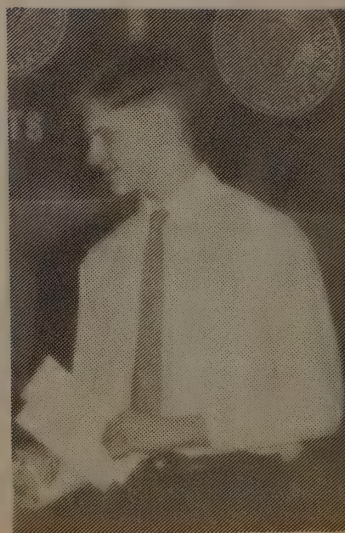
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Freshmen survive first year, prepare for next

AARON MARTZ
RITA MAGSAMEN
Staff Reporters

At the beginning of the year, freshmen had no clue as to what high school life would be like, but now as the year ends, they leave the school with some knowledge of how it is.

"I'm pretty satisfied with North Side High," said Matt Byers. "It was a colorful bouquet of emotional experiences. I was surrounded by an entourage of friends and acquaintances. I grew spiritually and emotionally as

well as physically."

When entering high school, some freshmen were disappointed by the vision they were presented with.

"(I was disappointed) that last year everybody was close together but now we're all in little groups and you don't get to see everyone," said Erin Lauer.

Other freshmen had different types of disappointments.

"I was disappointed that I was used to being at the top of the school and now I'm at the bottom," said Sara Conrad. "I thought that no one would talk to me because I was a

freshman."

Some freshmen were not disappointed at all by their new school.

"I don't have that many disappointments because I thought it was going to be worse than it was," said Stacy Bean. "I liked being a freshman because you're new and everybody's interested in you. I expected everybody to make fun of me because I was a freshman and to get picked on."

Kay Richardson said, "It (freshmen year) went by really fast. I thought it was going to be really scary, but it isn't half as bad once you're inside. I heard that I was going to be

intimidated by the upperclassmen, but I didn't feel that way once I got here. Plus, the people here let you be yourself more."

Lara Lash agrees with Kay. "Here, you blend in more. And by being involved in things makes you appreciate North Side more."

Amber Kimball said, "At first, I was afraid that I was going to get lost, but I didn't. In the beginning, it was really weird going from such a little school to a big one, but the change wasn't as hard as I thought it would of been."

As to what they think of being sophomores next year, some freshmen are not looking forward to it.

"The people that can be the cockiest are the seniors and the freshmen," said Conrad. "In the middle you're nothing."

Now that they are almost sophomores, freshmen can give advice to next year's incoming freshmen.

Angie Lomont said, "Make as many friends as you can, and get involved."

"Don't worry about it," said Bean, "because it's not that bad."

Broadway Comics plans to remain open despite tragedy

LUCAS PERKINS
Features Reporter

Early Tuesday morning Broadway Comics, the oldest comic store in Fort Wayne, caught on fire.

Broadway Comics has been around for 17 years, since 1978, at the beginning of the direct market movement in comic book retailing. Before this, all comics were sold only at newsstands and head shops, so Broadway was an innovator of the time.

Behind the main building of the store, there was a trash bin and an area where they stacked the boxes the comics were shipped to them in until they were taken to a recycling center. The authorities have concluded that around 1:00 Tuesday morning, the boxes were set ablaze.

Someone noticed the blaze around 1:05 and reported it. Once firefighters arrived, it took them about 90 minutes to put it out because of the great amount of flammable material inside; literally tens of thousands of

comic books.

Rob Reynolds, an employee, said that besides the building, which has been condemned and must be torn down, they lost around \$400,000 worth of comic books.

The fire damaged mainly the back of the store, leaving the front with basically just smoke damage. "The front room doesn't look like there was a fire there except for all the stuff on the floor," said Reynolds.

The pre-order comics that have been saved for customers were behind the counter at the front and were not damaged, so some customers

had already picked them up Tuesday morning.

Broadway's fireproof safe contained such comics as Amazing Fantasy #15 (the first appearance of Spider-Man), Fantastic Four #1 and a few Avengers #1's, so the most expensive comics were not damaged.

Even through this tragedy, Broadway Comics will remain in business. "I'll be open. We'll be out here on the sidewalk if we have to," said Garold Bauermeister, owner.

"We'll survive," he said, "We always have."

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And then there were four....

CHRISTY MILLS
Sports Reporter

The men's track and field team placed 18 out of 37 teams in the Wayne Regionals and will send four team members to State.

Elkhart Central shot out all 37 teams with a total of 57 points and placed first in the Regional.

Mr. Keith Scott, head coach, said, "Although we had a few disappointments, overall I was pleased with their performance."

The team gained a total of 14 points in regionals.

The 400 meter relay team had a time of 43.8 which allowed them to take third place; Lorenzo Smith placed sixth in the 200 meter with a time of 23.1; the 1600 meter relay team took sixth place with a time of 3:28.2; Javon Martin placed eighth in the 100 meter with a time of 11.3 and tied two other runners; and Omar Bass jumped into eighth place in the long jump with a

stretch of 20-2 1/4.

Coach Scott said they had good focus during the meet, their attitudes were focused on what they were to accomplish, and they had many personal bests.

"The time that really stands out is definitely the 400 meter relay team. They ran the best they have all season," said Coach Scott.

The 400 meter relay team consists of Javon Martin, Lorenzo Smith, Javon Hill, and Thomas Milton. These four members are the only members from North Side that qualified for State and will be competing in this meet tonight in Indianapolis.

Coach Scott said that they should place as long as they try their hardest.

One of Coach Scott's expectations for the team was to take down the whole team to compete in the State meet, but he is proud of them and all of their accomplishments.

Coach Scott feels he has ac-

complished the goals he set for the team. He set "simple goals" such as to be their best, improve as much as they could, and to grow as a young person and not as an athlete."

Thomas Milton said, "I am excited because I have heard that there ain't nothing like running in the State meet. Only the best runners make it to state and it makes me feel like I am the best."

Lorenzo and Thomas have the same expectations for the meet. They both hope to place high, but even more, to place in the top five.

Lorenzo said, "It was a great honor. All the hard work we did really payed off."

Thomas, nicknamed T-Bone, said he will prepare for the meet by staying focused and setting goals for himself.

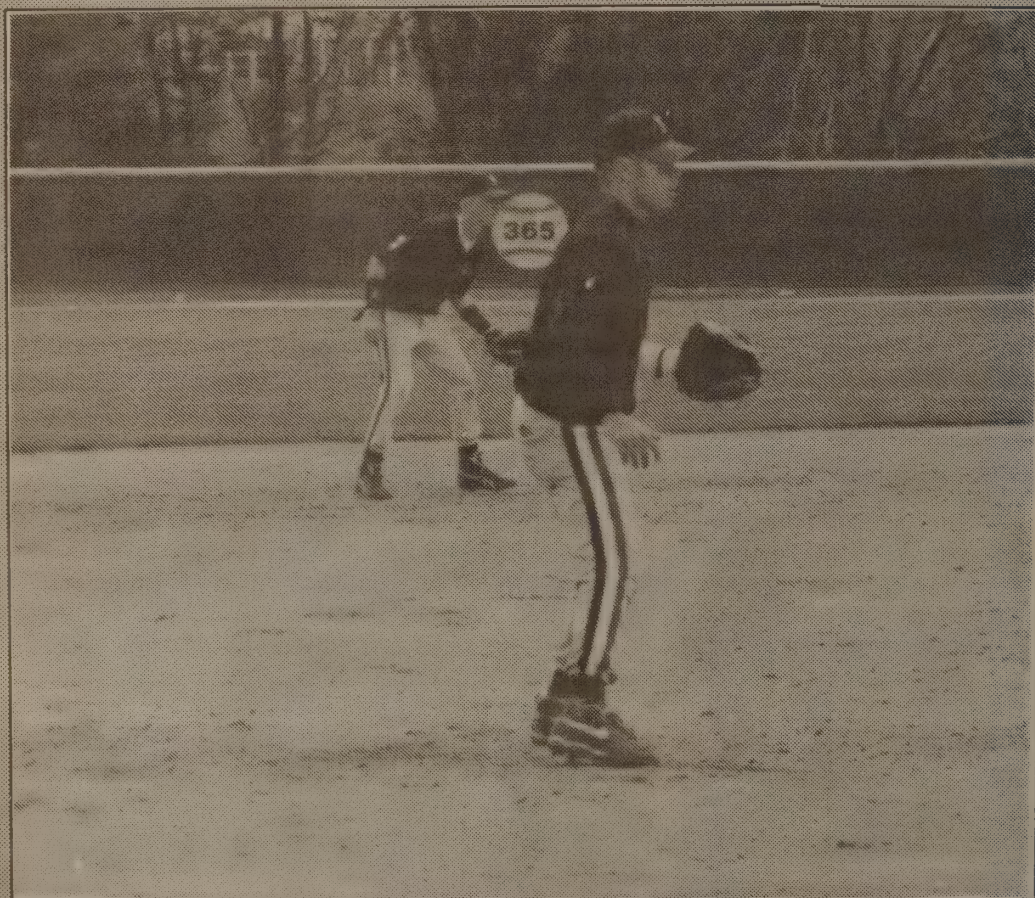
Lorenzo, nicknamed Pete, said, "You have to be mentally focused in order to run well."

Again the team will run in the State meet tonight in Indianapolis.



KEVIN WOODS, FRESHMAN, displays the mental toughness the 4X100 relay team member, Lorenzo Smith, referred to. Photo by Chrissy Francies.

■ They look ready!



THE BASEBALL TEAM had their sectional game last Monday against the Northrop Bruins. They lost 7-1. The only run was scored by Rich Brown. He was batted in by Zach Wilson. The batting affected the Redskins. They had 10 strikeouts in seven innings. "Their pitcher [Ryan Harber] pitched very well. We swung at a lot of balls that were not strikes," said Jake Garringer, senior. It's disappointing to see such a good team end a season like that, he added. Above: Rich Brown, senior and Shad Turner, junior, wait for a ball to field. Photo by Chrissy Francies.

End of season results...

Tennis-Record of 14-4. Made it to regionals where they were defeated by East Noble 3-2. SAC qualifiers are: Jill Hudson- Linnea Hatch, Robin Kilgore, and Danielle English -Andrea Michaloff.

Baseball- Record of 16-9. Defeated in the first round of sectionals by Northrop with a score of 7-1. SAC qualifiers are: Jake Garringer, Zach Wilson, Rich Brown, Shad Turner, Alex Raftree, Joe Kahn, and Jason Redwanski.

Softball- Record of 16-18. Defeated in the first round of sectionals by Bishop Luers with a score of 13-3. SAC qualifiers are: Jana Farrell, Jenny Powell, Angie Stinson, and Leslie Schaffer

Golf- Record of 3-9. They have their sectional meet tonight.

Girls' Track- Record of 3-3.

Boys' Track- Record of 7-2. The 4X100 relay team made it to state.

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